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Town Topics Christmas Fund Announces 57th Appeal To Help Fellow Citizens

What began as a simple holiday charitable appeal by the founders of this fledgling newspaper in 1947 has continued unabated each year through the best of times and the worst of times. As the paper has grown in size, so too has the size of the fund and the number of those that we are able to help.

And although in recent years we have been asked to consider changing the fund appeal's name from "Christmas" to "Holiday", the name should not obscure the long-standing mission that remains unchanged since Messrs. Dan Coyle and Donald C. Stuart, founding publishers and editors, had the foresight to write "We appeal to those Princetonians who are anxious to share the brightness of their Christmases with others less fortunate than themselves, with others whose marginal way of life forces them to live in the shadows where Christmas is just another day."

Each year Princetonians have been truly generous in response to our annual appeal. Donations range from a bag of coins with a note left anonymously at our door step to an annual lead gift of $20,000 from the J. Seward Johnson Sr. 1963 Charitable Trust. In between are the countless, but no less appreciated gifts we receive each year ranging from $25-$1,000. The fund is successful not because of one gift, but because of the collective response we receive from so many.

All administrative costs of the Christmas Fund are paid by Town Topics, thus ensuring that 100 percent of the donations are put to the charitable use for which they are intended.

We are a fortunate community, but we must never forget that fortune does not touch all. The contributions we receive are used throughout the year to benefit those in need. Many who would need or desire help are too proud or reluctant to ask for help and yet their need, however temporary, is real — a home without heat or electricity, assisting with tuition payments to further an education, new clothes for a job interview, afterschool and summer programs for

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Coventry Farms Opens Space for Youth Sports

A new park, which will help alleviate the Township's recreational space crunch and perpetuate its open space policies, is being built thanks to the combined efforts of Princeton Township and Delaware and Raritan Greenway, Inc.

The $1.4 million park project will include two baseball fields, two soccer fields, 98 parking spaces, a children's play equipment area, and restroom facilities.

The project is the culmination of a land preservation effort begun in 2001 to save the land along The Great Road from being developed. At the time, an agreement with the Hillier Group was in its final stages of planning for age-restricted housing. In the end, Hillier offered to yield the land for conservation with a quarter-million dollar discount of the property's $9.5 million value.

The property was acquired for $650,000 from the Township, $350,000 from the Borough, and $8.5 million from D&R Greenway and state grants and loans.

The 155-acre Coventry Farm was once owned by Princeton's Winant family. Twenty-three acres will he used for the park, 28 acres will be used for recreation adjacent to John Witherspoon Woods and Mountain Lakes, and 93 acres of the Coventry property will be preserved as open space.

The Winant House that lies on 11 acres of the site is owned by Princeton Day School.

Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand said that the effort of residents' organizations, like the Friends of Princeton Open Space, were what catalyzed the preservation effort.

"This is a community event and a community initiative," she said. "This is a real vision through open space."

The Township has also worked

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Borough Eyes New Parking System; Plan Includes Smart Cards, New Meters

Overnight parking for $1.50 and dual entrances on both Spring and Wiggins Streets are two changes anticipated with the new Park-and-Shop Garage currently under construction downtown. Details concerning parking in the garage, as well other parking plans were presented by Borough Administrator Robert Bruschi at a Borough Council meeting on Wednesday, November 12.

The four-and-a-half level garage on Spring Street will add 500 parking spaces downtown. Being built on land that was previously a 89-space parking lot, the garage is set for completion in early March.

The new garage will have lower rates at certain times of day, as well as machines that will collect parking money through credit cards, tickets, and a debit card system the Borough is instituting. The parking debit card, or Smart Card, can be purchased at Borough Hall for an initial fee of $10. It can be used both in the garage and at parking meters in lieu of cash. Dollar

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WALLBANGERS: The Princeton High boys' soccer team exults after its 1-0 win over Wall last Friday in the Central Jersey Group III sectional final. The triumph was just the second Group III sectional title in the history of the program and extended the team's winning streak to 12. The Little Tigers' dream run ended last Monday, however, as they fell 1-0 to Ocean City in a Group III state semifinal clash to finish with a record of 15-6-1. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

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Township Moves to Expel Contractor From Road Work Duties in Development

At the recommendation of the engineering department, Princeton Township has decided to remove developer Pulte Homes from its oversight of ongoing road construction in the Fieldwood Manors development.

Last week, Township Engineer Robert Kiser had requested authority to pull a performance bond guaranty that Pulte Homes had provided to ensure construction and the construction timeline.

Mr. Kiser cited "skeleton crews" instead of full six- to eight-person crews on site, the inability to work Saturdays to make up for lost time due to inclement weather, and the fact that Pulte contractors did not arrive on site until October 30 despite a set October 31 completion date.

Mr. Kiser said at the time that Pulte Homes was overcommitted and did not have the resources required to complete the job within the Township's timeline.

James Mullen, in-house attorney for Pulte, cited strict Township road repair requirements and poor weather for the cause of the delay.

However, Mr. Kiser conceded that once the weather cleared and after the threat of removal, Pulte moved in and got back to work. They brought in paving crews, raised manholes, and showed the significant improvement the Township was looking for, he said.

That was, until Monday.

Mr. Kiser said the contractor had dispatched only a two-man crew on Monday and had removed a paving machine from the site.

"We got the information to [Township] Mayor [Phyllis] Marchand and she made the decision that we need to go ahead and act on the bond," Mr. Kiser said.

Ira Polly, president of the Fieldwood Manors Homeowners Association, said that the roads are not complete because various sewer work has not yet been completed.

"They didn't want to do anything that cost extra money," Mr. Polly said.

Since Township regulations require a temperature of 40 degrees Fahrenheit and rising for paving to occur, and because the forecast calls for rain that will hinder paving efforts, the municipality will most likely winterize the roads at Fieldwood Manors.

Mr. Kiser said he hoped a decision on a new contractor could be made by January.

Mr. Mullen of Pulte Homes said the developer plans to object to the recommendation and it does not intend to remove itself from the project.

"We still have a contract with the paver to do the work, he is scheduled to be out there tomorrow through the end of the week," he said.

However, Mayor Marchand said the Township and Fieldwood Manors have waited long enough.

"We've been working a really long time with Pulte, and we could only wait so long," she said.

This is not the first time the Township has pulled performance bonds on a contractor.

Mr. Kiser cited the Preserve development where the Township determined intervention was necessary. Toll Brothers, the developer of the project, filed suit against the municipality.

—Matthew Hersh

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RAKE BRIGADE: Rakers Avi, 3, Talia, 5, Oraya, 7, and Leah, 9, help their dad, Joshua Zinder, with leaf duties on Moore Street. *(Photo by E.J. Greenblat)*

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GETTING STARTED: New Princeton High School principal, Gary Snyder, makes phone calls at his desk to catch up on what's been happening in the district. The new principal started on October 1, right before the start of construction and renovations on the school. *(Photo by Candace Braun)*

Snyder Discusses Construction at PHS

Almost a year behind schedule, groundbreaking for Princeton High School's $32.8 million construction project took place on Friday, November 14. Now that renovations and expansions are underway at all six schools in the district, a difficult time is beginning for students and faculty.

But a multi-year construction project isn't something Gary Snyder can't handle. For the new PHS principal, construction is something he's dealt with in the past.

Coming from a school in Massachusetts where the combined middle school and high school underwent a multi-year construction project costing $22 million, Mr. Snyder said both exciting and trying times are in store for PHS.

"It will be exciting to see the construction get started," said Mr. Snyder, who took on his position six weeks ago. "But then it will get inconvenient, and turn into what I call the 'ugly stages.' Construction machines and equipment will be everywhere, and it will look like a mess."

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However, he said, the excitement will come back when people start to be able to see progress, just as it is being seen at John Witherspoon Middle School across the street, where steel bars are going up.

"Folks here have been waiting a long time for this," he said, noting evidence of construction already. "I saw some stakes in the ground where the temporary parking will be [across Walnut Lane]."

The project, which was delayed due to the district's need to go out to bid three times to find an affordable contractor, is expected to take almost three years.

Starting Out

Despite the high school going through seven principals in the last ten years, Mr. Snyder says he hopes to start off his position with a clean slate. The new principal started at the high school on October 1.

"I think it's important to focus on the job here, to provide top-rate education for all the students," he said.

He said that being a history teacher in the past, he knows that one must learn from others while continuing to look ahead. "I don't want to get caught up in dwelling in the past and not dealing with the present and looking towards the future," he said.

The principal says he has not come into the district with a personal agenda, other than focusing on providing a good education for Princeton students.

"I am listening [to the community], and it's turning more into talking now," he said. "It's not an agenda, but a conversation about what is important to Princeton High School."

Mr. Snyder said he is meeting with faculty, the site council, as well as the PTO, along with having informal conversations with members of the community. He said one of his main priorities is to speak with teachers about what they as a group feel defines good, effective teaching.

He said he has asked faculty to write down their concerns and ideas on index cards, which he will share in a meeting with the high school staff in the near future.

"It's an important conversation to have," said Mr. Snyder.

Mr. Snyder, 40, grew up outside of Pittsburgh, Pa.,

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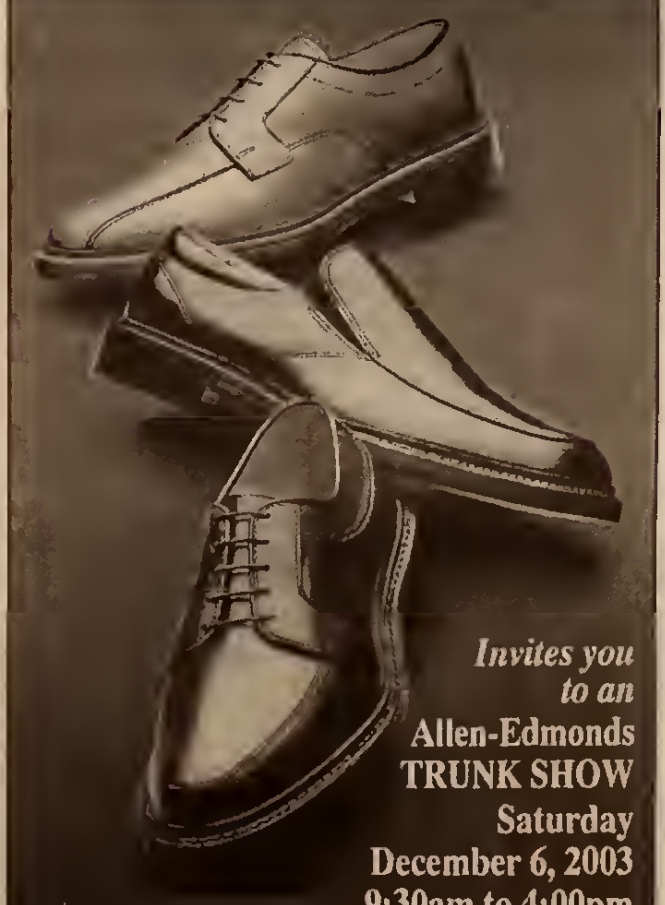

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PHS Principal

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and received his undergraduate degree in secondary education and social studies from the University of Pittsburgh. After college, he got a teaching job in Blacksburg, Va.

After teaching there for several years, he became more interested in the administrative side of education, and went back to school at Virginia Tech, where he got his masters in school administration.

"In your classroom you have influence over the 20 or 30 students in front of you, and you start to get the idea that maybe you could have influence over more," said Mr. Snyder.

After a brief stay in California where he taught history in a private middle school and high school for a year, he and his wife moved to Massachusetts. There, Mr. Snyder became assistant principal at a high school in Northfield for six years, and then principal for three years. His wife, who is still living in Northfield, works as a professor at the University of Massachusetts. She will be moving to the area with her husband in January when she takes on the position of associate professor for the nursing school at the University of Pennsylvania.

A New Community

While hectic times have been taking place due to the start of construction, the new principal said he has still had a nice welcome from the community.

"I've met a lot of people these past few weeks," he said. "There is a wide range of talent from students through adults."

He said the overall feeling he has gotten from the community is that parents are very concerned about their children and their education. He says there is also a lot of excitement about the changes taking place with construction.

"It's a great field to work in, and fun to talk about with the community," said Mr. Snyder.

Mr. Snyder, who is now staying in a hotel, has been looking at houses in Bucks County, Pa., particularly Yardley and Newtown. He said that once he and his wife sell their house in Massachusetts, they are hoping to find a house that is a halfway point for both of them to travel to work.

"We actually have a bid on our house today," he said at the interview. "Now we're just waiting for the phone to ring and see how we did."

Mr. Snyder's family mostly resides in the Pittsburgh area, and his wife's family lives in Bucks County, Pa.

"Once my wife got the job offer at the University of Pennsylvania in late spring, I started to look in this area for a job," said Mr. Snyder. He said he found the high school principal position posted in an education trade magazine.

The PHS principal said he is used to living and working in a college town. In the past he has lived near Virginia Tech, Va., University of California at Berkeley, and Amherst College, Mass. He said he had the opportunity a few weeks ago to attend a teacher preparation program at Princeton University, which he found inspiring and helpful.

"It was nice to hear others talk about education," he said. "The ability to so easily work at school during the day and walk a few blocks and do something like that can be very inspiring. It keeps the creative juices flowing so you can continue to think about things from different perspectives."

—Candace Braun

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Mental Health Facility Responds to Growth With New and Expanded Facilities in Township

A groundbreaking ceremony for the new facility and renovation project for Princeton House Behavioral Health marks a new era for the efficacy of the facility's in- and out-patient treatment of psychiatric patients, said Richard Wohl, the facility's vice president.

"Princeton House has very simply experienced dramatic and regular growth over many years," he said.

Mr. Wohl, who has been with Princeton House for 13 years, said that the current facility has experienced an influx in psychiatric emergencies fostering the need for expansion.

"When we arrived, there were about 75 staff members and 800 patients every year," Mr. Wohl said. He went on to say those numbers have increased to a staff of 275 and treatment of more than 2,700 patients per year.

Out of Space

"We have simply run out of space when you look at the growth," he said.

The facility, which is a unit of the greater Princeton HealthCare System, provides individualized care for those with behavioral health conditions, emotional difficulties, and addictions.

The first phase of construction is for a new facility along Herrontown Road that will accommodate patients by adding a two-floor, 25,000 square-foot building. This expansion will make available 48 new psychiatric beds. Completion of the first phase is planned by early 2005.

The second phase of construction is to renovate the existing 65,000 square-foot facility at 905 Herrontown Road. The building was originally constructed as a nursing home and improvements will offer an ideal logistical layout including more group space for the patients, improved office space, increased staffing space, enhanced nursing support, and monitoring, Mr. Wohl said. The new plan also calls for more comfortable patient rooms.

"This is the chance for us to operate out of a space built specifically for this purpose," Mr. Wohl said.

In addition to general growth in the area, Mr. Wohl partially attributed the increase in demand for patient accommodation to the New Jersey state psychiatric program Short Term Care. That program tries "to create a deterrent for acutely mentally ill people to be treated in community hospitals," and promotes independent entities such as Carrier Clinic, Mr. Wohl said.

Construction is set for completion in 2006.

Added Support

Mr. Wohl emphasized the benefit of receiving the added support from another institution, in this case, Princeton HealthCare System. He said that access to an emergency room, a nursing home, a medical center, consultation, labs, and a pharmacy all result in more expeditious and more effective treatment.

Throughout the construction period, Princeton House Behavioral Health has taken temporary residence at 471 Mt. Lucas Road, the former site of Caliper Corporation.

—Matthew Hersh

NEW HOME FOR PRINCETON HOUSE: Richard Wohl, vice president of Princeton House Behavioral Health, right, confers with John Chamberlain, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Princeton HealthCare System, at the groundbreaking ceremony officially beginning work on the mental health facility's planned 25,000 square-foot building. The construction will also include major renovations to its current 65,000 square-foot Herrontown Road location. Construction is slated for completion by 2006. *(Photo by E.J. Greenblat)*

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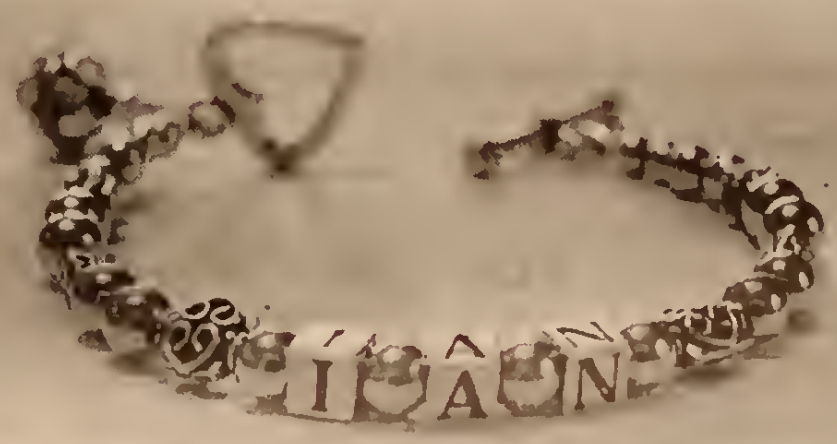

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Ten Thousand Villages at the Princeton Shopping Center is hosting a series of holiday shopping nights when 15 percent of the evening's total sales will benefit several local nonprofit organizations such as Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, Littlebrook Elementary School's Joe Fund, and the Princeton Area Home School Choir.

The holiday shopping night on Thursday, December 4 will benefit the Joe Fund. This Littlebrook School run fund gives its students a chance to participate in extracurricular activities. Joe Cerach, a former Littlebrook custodian, started the Joe Fund before his death in 1991. Last year, this organization helped over 40 Littlebrook children to participate in after school activities such as piano, art, drama, dance, gymnastics, basketball, swimming, baseball, and softball. The fund also placed over thirty children in summer camps.

The shopping night on Sunday, December 7 will benefit the Princeton Area Homeschool Choir. Currently in its fourth season, the choir enjoys a growing reputation as a choral arts program with a mission to serve children. The choir is a graded choral music program for 140 children and youth ages 4-18. For additional information about the choir call (908) 242-2183.

The next holiday shopping night will be on Sunday, December 14. This evening will raise funds for Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic. They are a volunteer based organization that provides access to educational, professional and technical material at no charge to visually, physically, and learning disabled individuals. The materials enable people to achieve educational and professional success promoting independence, increasing productivity, and enhancing their self-esteem and quality of life.

On Thursday, December 18, the donation from the evening's sales will aid the John Witherspoon Middle School fundraiser. The funds will be used to pay for publication of the school directory and for scholarships for this year's field trips, especially for the 8th grade overnight trip to Washington D.C.

Additionally, the November 30, December 11, and December 21 shopping nights will support the Nassau Presbyterian Church's Refugee program.

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Gehry Library Is Approved by Planning Board; University, DOT to Discuss Pedestrian Safety

The Princeton Regional Planning Board unanimously approved the final site plan application for a $60 million, 85,000 square-foot library for Princeton University to be built on a five-acre plot near Washington Road and Ivy Lane. Construction for the project is slated to begin October 2004 and be completed in early 2007.

"My first response to seeing the [future library site] was: 'Why would they want to put a building in that park?'" said Mr. Gehry, who was in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Gehry went on to say that in accommodating an influx in undergraduate population, he designed the structure to preserve as much open space as possible.

Typically, Mr. Gehry emphasizes that his work expresses himself as well as his "response to a plan and a place."

The plan Mr. Gehry referred to in this case is the consolidation of the book collections of the University's chemistry department and other science libraries. This consolidation will, in turn, support the incremental increase of undergraduate students beginning in the fall of 2006.

Mr. Gehry, who said that he had been turned down five times by the University for past projects, quipped that he had now been chosen because he was, at the age of 74, "mature enough."

"I'm very excited to be here," Mr. Gehry said.

Mr. Gehry, the 1989 winner of the Pritzker Prize, is known for his non-traditional use of steel and glass. The approved library plan features sharply sloping roofs of steel but maintains practicality and functionality.

Gothic vs. Gehry

One Princeton University architecture student in attendance at the Planning Board meeting called the University's combined use of traditional collegiate Gothic style and modern architecture "schizophrenic." Nevertheless, the University now has structures in the works that fall on opposite ends of the architectural spectrum. Both buildings, however, turn out to complement each other.

The proposed Whitman College, which is to be built on the site of the former "Pagoda" tennis courts on the main campus, will provide housing for 500 undergraduate students. The residence hall will be built in the collegiate Gothic style that graces much of the main campus.

The new science library, however, according to Mr. Gehry, will feature metal roofing that slopes to form vertical walls, create sculptural forms, and "changes mood from hour to hour" depending on the amount of sunlight reflecting off its surfaces.

The level of sun reflecting off the metal caused some problems for both the Planning Board and the Site Plan Review Advisory Board. Mr. Gehry said that a structure with glass surfaces poses more potential for blinding sun glare than the dull grade steel that will be used on the library.

The library will also exhibit a tradition of pairing up Mr. Gehry's work with the work of sculptor Richard Serra. The two are long-time friends and have maintained an ongoing professional dialogue.

"I always drag [Mr. Serra] in after my buildings are done and have him do a piece," Mr. Gehry said. He quipped that Mr. Serra "always gets mad" because of the late addition.

Jon Hlafter, the University's director of physical planning said that while the library's completion may cause some pedestrian attraction, he does not foresee bottlenecks in automobile traffic plaguing Washington Road.

The University's plan for significant signage for visitor parking and the P-Rides shuttle system are two major elements that will help alleviate traffic, Mr. Hlafter said.

Parking will be unavailable at the library site, he added.

While the library will pose no increase in staff, Mr. Hlafter said that employees could potentially park in Lot 21, near Jadwin Gym, or in the parking garage by Baker Rink and take a shuttle to the library.

Further, Mr. Hlafter cited a recent incident involving a pedestrian and an automobile which promoted discussion between the University and the Department of Transportation to elevate crossing safety. He said the University is planning to install a pedestrian-activated crosswalk with embedded lights at the crossing, known as "Goheen Walk."

A University architecture student who was in attendance with his class complimented the Planning Board for its consideration of traffic and pedestrian patterns. The student, apparently unaware that traffic was one of the main obstacles to overcome in this project, received wide-eyed stares and tentative nods from Board members.

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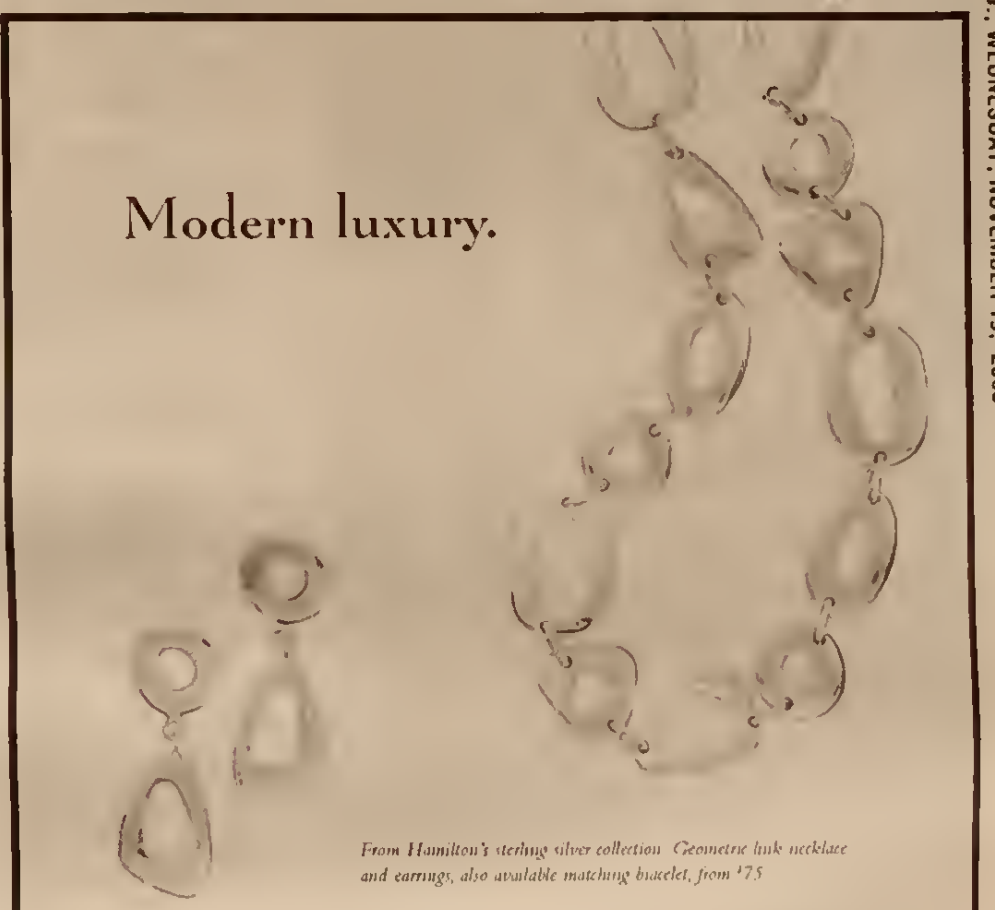

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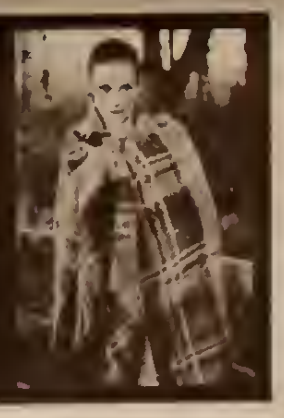
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SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE: The Arts Council of Princeton's annual holiday arts and crafts sale will feature a wide variety of sale items. Shown, from left, with a sampling of them are Arts Council staffers and volunteers Maria Evans, Margaret Sproule, Mark Germand, and Kathleen Preziosi. The sale will run from November 28 through December 19.

Arts Council of Princeton Schedules Annual Art Sale

The Arts Council of Princeton's tenth annual holiday arts and crafts sale, Sauce for the Goose, will begin November 28 and run through December 19. Kicking off the three-and-a-half-week sale will be an opening day that features a smoked salmon sampling, a reception with refreshments, and works of art.

The opening day will begin at 2 p.m., when participants are invited to join Max Hansen and Suzanne Goldenson, authors of Smoked Salmon, for a smoked salmon demonstration, sampling, and book signing. Sales of the book will benefit the Arts Council. Later in the day, from 5 to 8 p.m., a reception for the participating artists and crafters will be held. Also during the reception, Antonietta Branham, owner of The Cottage Gardens, will be available to create custom wreaths for the upcoming holiday season.

The sale will feature more than 30 artists offering fine art, functional crafts, paintings, drawings, functional and decorative ceramics, holiday ornaments, greeting cards, photography, and candles. The artwork will be displayed in the Arts Council's WPA Gallery. For the duration of the sale, customers who purchase $30 or more in merchandise will receive a free gift.

New this year, the Arts Council will offer a special Members Day. On Thursday, December 4, all Arts Council members will receive a 10 percent discount on items purchased.

Sale hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

The Arts Council of Princeton is located in the Paul Robeson Building at 102 Witherspoon Street at the corner of Paul Robeson Place. For more information, visit www.artscouncilofprinceton.org, or call (609) 924-8777

Governor to Host Drumthwacket Gala

The Drumthwacket Foundation Gala will take place Friday, December 5, from 7-10 p.m. The gala is the largest annual fundraiser to support the foundation's work in updating the house restoration, curating and preserving the collection of important New Jersey antiques, and opening the house for tours.

It is a festive evening hosted by the Governor and Mrs. McGreevey and the foundation board of trustees including music and buffet dinner. The cost is $250 per person. For reservations call (609) 683-0057.

Swim With Santa at Seminary Pool

The Princeton Family YMCA is hosting the seventh annual swim with Santa event on Friday, December 5 from 6-8 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to this free event. The Princeton Theological Seminary Pool is located on Emmons Drive, just off Route 1 south in Princeton. For additional information call 497-9622.

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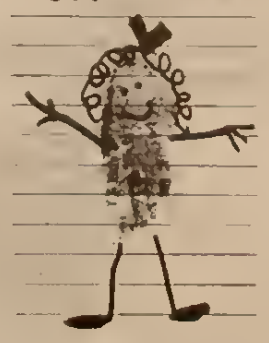

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Julie Davis

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Grades Taught: 9-12
Education: B.S. in Mathematics from Union College, NY; Montgomery High School in Belle Mead, NJ
Most Memorable Math Book: *Innumeracy*, by John Allen Paulos
Person You Admire: "My dad; he had to work odd jobs to get through school and get his doctorate. He showed me the value of education and what hard work can do. He definltely showed me what educution is worth."

Making math fun is Julie Davis' main goal teaching at the Hun School in Princeton. "They don't have to love [math], but they have to have a respect for it, learn it, and have fun with it," she said. "Numbers are a great thing, and if I can get that across to students, I can feel that I've touched them somehow."

Ms. Davis started teaching at the Hun School right after graduation from Union College in New York.

"I always had teaching in the back of my mind," she said. Her first inkling that she'd become a teacher was when she began helping her friend with math homework in high school. Her friend told her that she was good at explaining and understanding math, which is what led Ms. Davis to study the subject.

Now, after teaching at Hun for 15 years, Ms. Davis has no plans of changing her career path any time soon. She likes the perspective that has been laid out at the Hun School, and not only enjoys teaching there, but also intends to send her children there, as well. A resident of Morrisville in Bucks County, Pa., Ms. Davis has a daughter, age four, and a son, age two.

"Our philosophy here is a good one," she said. "We try to challenge our kids, whether they find their course to be too easy and we need to challenge them; or they find their classes too hard and we just need to get the best out of them."

A Family Occupation

Julie Davis is not the only Davis working at the Hun School. Her husband, David, teaches math there, too. He also coaches the girls soccer team with his wife. Both have coached the team the entire time they have worked at the school, which is how they first met.

"I love soccer," said Ms. Davis. "When I was younger I loved playing, and now I love watching it. We are soccer junkies in our house."

Along with her love of soccer, Ms. Davis also likes to spend a lot of her time outside of work with her children. She said she enjoys reading to them, working on puzzles, and doing arts and crafts.

"You know; the whole 'mom hat' that gets put on when I go home [from work]," she said.

Along with coaching soccer, Ms. Davis has also been chair of the math department for five years. Her duties include making sure the math curriculum is college preparatory, attending department meetings, discussing what teaching methods work in the classroom, and even learning teaching techniques from other teachers.

Ms. Davis' own teaching approach encompasses getting her students more involved in the classroom, rather than standing at the blackboard lecturing to her students. She says that by doing this, she makes the students more active and interested in what they're learning.

"I make sure all the kids participate in class," she said. "I'm a firm believer that math is not a spectator sport. You can't just let it happen around you, you have to be involved in it."

Ms. Davis said what she tries to emphasize most is that math should be learned not only for the present, but for what the students will need it for in the future.

"Different situations warrant different approaches, and I try to show students various [problem-solving] techniques, so that no matter what courses they take in the future, they can always fall back on it."

Teen Issues

According to Ms. Davis, one of the biggest issues confronting teachers on the high school level is making students understand that their entire senior year is part of the learning process, not just the months leading up to college acceptance.

"So many [college acceptance] decisions are made by January, that many students believe their senior year is over by then," she said.

The Hun School teacher said that many students let their brains go unexercised from January until September, which is a significant gap for students at an important transition level.

"We, as a society, need to find out how to stimulate seniors in a meaningful way," she said.

Another issue she says teachers are confronted with every day is plagiarism. She says that because of the many pressures that teenagers go through, getting into college in particular, students seem to convince themselves that copying information from the Internet is okay.

"The whole attitude that, 'I can get this, even though it's not rightfully mine,' is a huge problem," she said.

Nevertheless, technological advances have also made teaching easier and more interesting, said Ms. Davis. Graphing calculators, in particular, have helped the teacher with creating graphs in a much less time-consuming manner.

"You don't spend as much time with the nuts and bolts, but more time with the final structure," she said.

When graphing calculators were first instituted more than ten years ago, one student couldn't even figure out how to turn his off, so he just removed the batteries each day when class was over, Ms. Davis recalled.

Now, though, technology has given students a thirst for knowledge, and a desire to get answers more quickly.

"There's definitely been a change, but it's a change for the better," she said.

Generally, a drive to do well in school has increased since she began teaching at the Hun School, said Ms. Davis. While teenagers and their behaviors aren't different than they were a generation ago, their attitude towards learning has changed, she said.

"The drive and desire to do well is greater now than when I first started," she said. "Whether its parental pressure or internal pressure to get good grades in school, there is more now than when I first started."

But whether children have the desire to become better students or not, it does not change their test results on standardized tests like the SATs and ACTs, Ms. Davis said. Many students who generally do well in the classroom have anxiety about test taking, which can lead to poor test results they wouldn't have otherwise, she said.

"I feel bad that those who are not good test takers must take a two-hour test that can dictate their future," she said.

She said she understands that larger universities must use such tests to select from the numerous applicants they receive, however a better system for testing needs to be researched for high school students.

At the end of the day, Ms. Davis does what she can to positively effect the lives of the individual students she teaches. There's no better feeling than watching a student go from being confused by a math concept to completely understanding the idea, she said.

"You leave the day feeling, 'Yeah, I've made a difference in their brain,'" she said.

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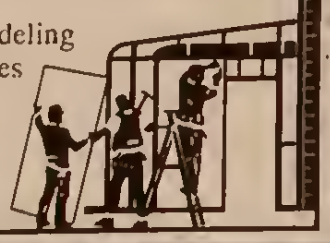

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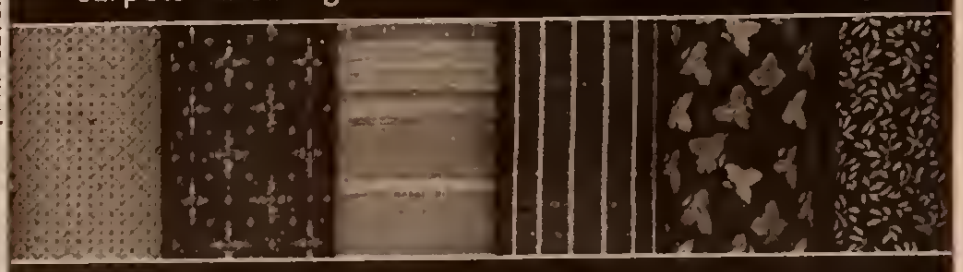

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closely with the Princeton Recreational Department in outlining plans for the project. In addition to ensuring land preservation, the project is also a response to growing demand for space for organized youth sports in the area.

"We need to keep up with the demand," said Jack Roberts, executive director of the Princeton Recreational Department. "There has been a tremendous push for organized sports nationally, and it became difficult to keep up with the numbers and to come up with the land," he said.

Mr. Roberts added that both Princetons are "three to four soccer and baseball fields behind" where a municipality of its size and organized youth sports population should be.

A looming pile of soil has occupied the site for several months. This was a result of the Township's early acquisition of soil for the project. According to Township Engineer Robert Kiser, the earth was supplied by a private donor. He said that $70,000 had been saved by accepting the donation and bringing the soil in early.

The park is set for completion by the end of 2004.

D&R Greenway is a regional land conservancy that aims to protect open space throughout Central New Jersey. The organization works through donations and bargain sale agreements, as was the case in the Hillier agreement. It also works with the state and municipality to leverage funds.

The recent preservation of 60 acres at Greenway Meadows Park off Rosedale Road was also the result of Township and D&R Greenway efforts. That space was formerly part of the Robert Wood Johnson estate.

Once completed, the space will require a significant "rest" period before the athletic fields can be used, Mr. Kiser said. He said that soccer fields typically take longer to settle than baseball fields.

The $69,000 landscaping costs will also remove 16 trees along The Great Road and replace them with 15 Chinese Elms according to Township Arborist Greg O'Neil. However, Mr. O'Neil said the completed project will result in a total addition of 326 trees, and 130 shrubs.

—Matthew Hersh

FIELDS OF BASEBALL AND SOCCER DREAMS: Princeton Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand outlines the plans for a new park to be built on 23 acres of the preserved Coventry Farms site along The Great Road. The park will include two baseball and two soccer fields, 98 parking spaces, restroom facilities, and a children's play equipment area. The $1.4 million project is set for completion by the end of 2004. *(Photo by M.B. Hersh)*

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Princeton's Democrats Are Divided In Presidential Primary Straw Poll

A standing-room-only gathering of Borough and Township Democrats at the Suzanne Patterson Senior Center Sunday night conducted a straw poll to determine their choice for president. The result was a tie between retired Gen. Wesley Clark and Gov. Howard Dean. Each received 26 votes. Sen. John Kerry was the runner-up with 12 votes.

Although the tie would seem to leave the issue unresolved, supporters of Gen. Clark saw it as a victory, given Gov. Dean's front-runner status in New Hampshire.

Sen. John Edwards received four votes while both Representatives Richard Gephardt and Dennis Kucinich had three. Sen. Joe Lieberman and Amb. Carol Mosley Braun received two votes each. Single votes went to the Rev. Al Sharpton and — the only write-in — Al Gore.

The same night Princeton Democrats were voting, Democrats in Florida rejected a plan to conduct a straw poll at a party convention early next month.

In both states, the motive was to give Democrats a chance to make their preferences known ahead of numerous primaries in other states. While Florida's primary comes in March after 28 states will have voted, New Jersey's is not until June, when it will almost undoubtedly be too late for the vote to have any impact on the eventual nomination.

Sunday night's preview of a primary was arranged by the Princeton Community Democratic Organization.

Five-minute speeches for each candidate were followed by a question-and-answer period and a paper ballot vote. Only registered Democrats were given ballots, after registration lists had been checked at the entrance.

The event was emceed by PDCO's Andrew Koontz, who introduced the speakers for each candidate. Koontz was impressed by the turn-out and the enthusiasm of the participants. The size of the crowd is not reflected in the vote count since a number of people had to leave before the ballot was taken.

Bill Dunn, chairman of the Clark campaign in New Jersey, stressed his candidate's "electability." When questioned about the extent of the general's political experience, he pointed to the complex politics involved in his duties as Supreme Commander of NATO during the war in Kosovo. Clark's commitment to health care and affirmative action were cited in the context of his responsibilities as a commanding officer in the army.

Predictably, the crowd was most vocal whenever the Bush administration came under attack. The response was particularly strong when state senator John Adler, speaking for the candidacy of Sen. John Kerry, declared that four more years of Republican leadership would be "catastrophic" for America.

As has been true in the debates and on the campaign trail, Gov. Dean received more than his share of negative attention. The first question from the audience was at his expense; "How many states will he lose by, 45 or 49?".

Princeton Borough assemblyman Reid Gusciora spoke effectively on the governor's behalf. To the charge that Dean's anger is a liability, Gusciora defended it as justifiable anger given the flawed 2000 election, the Bush tax cut, the invasion of Iraq, and the administration's environmental policies.

The strongest criticism of Dean came from Anne Waldren Neumann, speaking for Dennis Kuchinich. She contrasted Kucinich's opposition to the NRA and stand on homosexual marriage with Dean's positions on both issues. When she was asked what her candidate's chances really were, Ms. Neumann offered a snappy one-liner in reply. "Kucinich," she said, "was the only candidate that Ralph Nader had promised not to challenge in the next election."

West Windsor lawyer Glenn Bergenfield spoke of Sen. John Edwards from personal experience. The two were in law school together at the University of North Carolina where Mr. Bergenfield came to know first-hand the qualities he cited in speaking for the senator's strengths.

Mr. Bergenfield cited watching Mr. Edwards, a former trial lawyer, cross-examine a judge during the hearings that eventually blocked Judge Charles Pickering's nomination to the appeals court based in New Orleans.

Although all nine candidates had been contacted for speakers and campaign materials, candidates Gephardt, Mosley-Braun, Sharpton and Lieberman had to be spoken for by surrogates, among them Mildred Trotman who provided a presentation on behalf of Amb. Mosley-Braun.

The Princeton Community Democratic Organization was founded in 1965 and is open to all registered Democrats. It will be interesting to see how closely Princeton's views match those of Democrats nationwide.

—Stuart Mitchner

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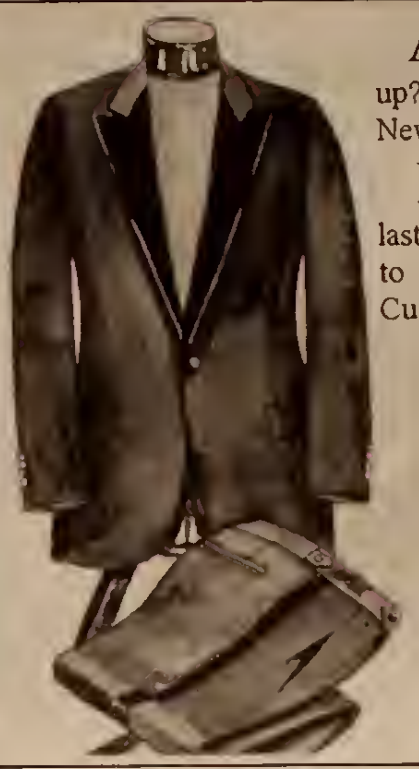

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TO YOUR HEALTH: At a recent Princeton HealthCare System health fair, Barry Rabner, chief executive of Princeton HealthCare System, and his wife Amy are guided through some Senior Resources materials by Susan Hoskins of the Senior Resources Center. Patty DeRuosi looks on. *(Photo by E.J. Greenblat)*

Christmas Fund

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underprivileged children, an emergency car repair, a Thanksgiving basket, a homeless animal, clothing and baby food for a newborn infant, emergency medical care — many items we take for granted in our day-to-day lives.

Last year's fund appeal raised nearly $40,000. Pleased as we are, we are reminded also that this amount is considerably less than the $80,000 we have received in previous years. And so our wish for this year is that the Holiday season will bring blessings and generosity for all who are proud to call Princeton a home and a community.

Tax-deductible contributions in the form of cash, checks, or stock may be mailed to Town Topics Christmas Fund, 4 Mercer Street, Princeton, NJ 08540. Checks should be made payable to Town Topics Christmas Fund. All contributions will be appreciatively acknowledged.

—Ken Smith

Free Holiday Phone Calls for Seniors

An opportunity to "reach out and touch someone" will be available to Princeton area seniors and disabled persons this holiday season. On Saturday, December 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Merrill Lynch will offer each person who signs up one hour of free phone calls anywhere in the world.

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Participants are asked to bring their phone lists of family and friends with them. When possible, arrangements with the person to be called should be made beforehand to prevent disappointment. Each person has one hour to complete all calls.

Registration is required by November 24 and space is limited. As in years past, the Princeton Senior Resource Center is coordinating the event. For registration or additional information call (609) 924-7108.

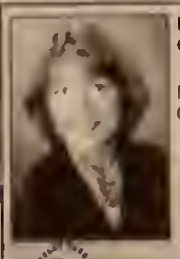
St. Nicholas Project Provides Presents

The St. Nicholas project provides holiday presents to help local low income families. More than 30 families benefited from the project last year.

Participants will be matched with a family and asked to contribute presents for each child. A wish list will be provided. Often, these are the only gifts the children receive. In addition, supermarket gift certificates for a family holiday dinner are needed as well as a small gift for the parents.

Drop off will be on Wednesday, December 19, from 8 a.m. to noon at the YWCA's Bramwell House porch on Paul Robeson Place.

The St. Nicholas project, formerly known as the Adopt-a-Family Program, was organized by Jill Jachera, an attorney with Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP. The project was renamed in memory of her nephew Nicholas Nutile, who was killed last year in an automobile accident. Deadline for participation in the project is November 21. For additional information call (609) 919-6608.



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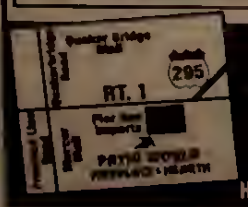

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— Meg Cox Leone, Princeton

"Oh gee, I have so many. It was probably the first time my sister came back from Italy. She'd been living there. All of the family was together and my nephew and my sister and we were all in one place which we had not been for awhile so it was wonderful. There was lots of food and telling of the old stories about things we had done as kids and that is my fondest memory."

— Melinda Contreras-Byrd, Princeton

"I'm from Detroit and starting years ago over the years, I enjoyed watching the Detroit Lions after my dinner and they are still on so it reminds me of family when I was growing up. I think that's the tie — from the Lions to the family."

—Chuck Mihalik, Montgomery

"My fondest Thanksgiving memory is at my parents home in Highland Park, Illinois with my grandparents, who are no longer with us. The only language spoken the whole time was Yiddish and that's my fondest memory."

—Judy Kutin with Molly, Princeton

Princeton Public Library Still Eyes April 1 Open

The Princeton Public Library anticipates opening its doors to the public on April 1, Eric Greenfeldt, assistant public library director said on Tuesday.

"We expect substantial completion ol the library by March 16, and will then use the last two weeks of March to move our staff and [book] collection into the facility," he said.

Mr. Greenfeldt said that along with the opening of the library, the staff anticipates that the new downtown garage will be completed around the same time.

"We fully expect the garage to be complete in early March," he said. "In case of delay, we would be very cautious about opening without the parking garage."

The assistant director said that while the garage contractors have told him that they are quite confident they can hold to their schedule, if the opening was delayed, the library would have difficulties moving forward without the available parking.

Carl Peters, Borough engineer, was unavailable for comment.

The library, which is part of the downtown redevelopment project, will be a three-floor building, with construction costs adding up to $18.7 million. Along with the new library, a Park-and-Shop Garage is being built on Spring Street, with an anticipated 500 parking spaces. Parking inside the garage will not be available for library employees, however, employees will be able to lease 33 spots at the Merwick Rehab Hospital and Nursing Care Center, located off Route 206.

Library patrons, however, will receive up to two hours of free garage parking, which can be validated at the front desk of the library.

At the Princeton Public Library Trustee meeting on Monday, November 17, the library's art committee proposed six artists to create functional art for the library, which were accepted.

The potential artists are: Katherine Hackl, Maggi Johnson, Ik-Joong Kang, Tom Nussbaum, Faith Ringgold, Armando Sosa, and Buzz Spector. The artist contracts will be voted on at the December 16 meeting of the board ol trustees.

—Candace Braun

Rummage Sale to Benefit High School Choir Trip

The Princeton High School Choir will hold a rummage sale this Saturday, November 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to benefit its upcoming tour to Vienna and Budapest. The sale will take place in the PHS Cafeteria at 151 Moore Street.

Those wishing to donate sale items in good condition may drop them off on Friday, November 21 between 3 and 7 p.m. at the school. Clothing, books, toys, household items, small furniture, and sporting equipment will be accepted.

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Holiday Toy Drive For Needy Children

Princeton Human Services has started their fifth annual Christmas toy drive for needy Princeton children up to age 12. Santa's wish list forms have been circulated around town and 40 children are already signed up.

Last year many local business' and private donors donated gifts for over 165 children. Due to the increased economic hardships, Human Services anticipates that more families will need assistance.

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8 Parked Automobiles Were Broken Into; Car Stereos Stolen

Car stereos were stolen from eight automobiles parked in Princeton University student parking lots 23 and 23a on Faculty Road, sometime between 11 p.m. November 12 and 8 a.m. the following morning. In each case, the burglars broke the car windows to gain access to the equipment. According to Township Police, there was also evidence that the burglars had rummaged through the car interiors, although no other items of value were reported stolen. The crimes are under continuing investigation by the Township Detective Bureau.

A computer, camera, cash and a sweatshirt were among the other items reported stolen in Princeton during the week.

The most expensive stolen item, a Dell laptop computer valued at $2,400, was reported taken November 14. Its owner, a 22-year-old Princeton University student, told police she had left it unattended in the coat room of the Ivy Club on Prospect Avenue.

Township resident Paul Hipple was arrested on November 12 and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, marijuana under 50 grams, after the marijuana and a pipe used to smoke it were found in plain view in his Henry Avenue apartment. Police arrested a Levittown, Pa., woman, Chanta N. Winston, on a similar charge after they found marijuana in her car following a November 16 traffic violation stop on Alexander Road.

Also arrested on charges of possessing a controlled dangerous substance were two 21-year-old Princeton University students. According to Borough police, Ptl. Chris Tash observed Michelle Everldge of San Antonlo, Tex., and Joanna Cruz of Seguin, Tex., smoking a marijuana cigarette while they were walking on Olden Avenue shortly after 1 p.m. on November 13. He then stopped the two women, determined that they were in possession of marijuana, and took them to police headquarters for processing. After being charged they were assigned a December 15 court date and released on their own recognizance.

Another 21-year-old University student, Jared Keating of Garden City, N.Y., was arrested on November 13 after two Borough patrolmen watched him smash a flowerpot belonging to the Kalluri Corner restaurant on Nassau Street. After the officers determined that the accused was intoxicated, they transported him to police headquarters where he passed out in a cell. He was then taken by the Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad to the University Medical Center for treatment. He was charged with criminal mischief and disorderly conduct, and assigned a November 24 court date.

Derek S. Braithwaite, 39, of New Brunswick, was jailed after being stopped on Nassau Street on November 13 for operating a vehicle with an expired registration. After he was found to be wanted in Middlesex County, on a civil contempt warrant for failure to pay $37,390 in child support, he was denied bail and turned over to officers of the Middlesex County Sheriff's Department.

Paul C. Taylor, 44, of Fairway Drive was injured on November 13 when his car, a Mercedes E320, left the roadway and overturned on the main access road to Jasna Polana Country Club. Mr. Taylor suffered head lacerations in the accident and was taken to the Capital Health System's Fuld Campus in Trenton for treatment. Township police determined that he had been driving under the influence of alcohol at the time of the accident, and issued him summonses for reckless driving and for driving while intoxicated.

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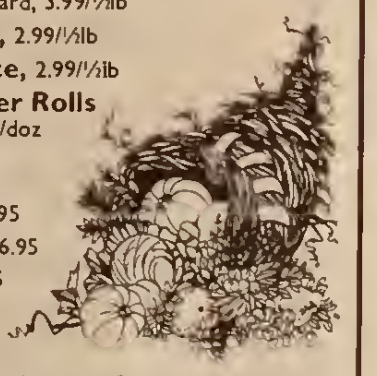

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amounts of $20, $35 and $50 can be placed on the card, giving users a 10,15 or 20 percent parking credit. For example, a $35 Smart Card, with a 15 percent bonus, will give the user $40.25 worth of parking.

Along with the Smart Card, credit cards may also be used to pay for parking in garage machines. A machine to place cash on the Smart Card will be available at Borough Hall, but not in the garage.

"We're trying to avoid a lot of cash at the garage," Mr. Bruschi said.

As part of the plan, new downtown parking meters will be installed that will allow residents to use the Smart Card for street parking. By sliding the Smart Card into the meter, increments of 25 cents will be taken off the card and put into the meter. When the user returns to his or her car, he or she may get unused money back on their card by reinserting the card into the meter. Coins will still be accepted at parking meters, as well.

New parking meters to replace the more than 1,200 parking meters downtown have already been ordered, and are expected to be installed before the garage is completed, said Mr. Bruschi.

Concerning garage payment, several problems have yet to be worked out. Parkers must pay on foot at a machine if they take a ticket. But with the Smart Card or credit card, they may pay as they drive through. Other problems include lost or stolen Smart Cards; there is no way for the original owner to retrieve the money that they have put on the card. In addition, if a resident parking in the garage uses a credit card to pay as they go in, they must use the same credit card as they exit the garage.

Additional help will be on hand the first couple weeks the garage is open to help residents with such problems, Mr. Bruschi said.

As for street parking, excess meter feeding by using the Smart Card is seen as a possible problem.

Parking Costs

The first 30 minutes of garage parking on the main level will be free. This will enable users to run a quick errand downtown without incurring expense. The upper levels of the garage will be used for regular patron parking.

"I think this is a good service to provide for the public," Mr. Bruschi said.

Regular rates between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. will be $1 for 30-60 minutes, $1 for the second hour, $1 for the third hour, and $1.50 for each hour after that, with a maximum payment of $16.50. Overnight parking, between the hours of 9 p.m. and 9 a.m., will be 25 cents for every two hours, with a maximum payment of $1.50.

"We've suggested that because we used to have to sell overnight parking permits," said Mayor Marvin Reed.

Currently, the cost for overnight street parking permits is $25 per month, which is much less than the approximate $45 residents will pay if they park in the garage overnight. The Council is hoping out of town guests will be encouraged to use the garage for short-term parking.

Sundays and holidays will have a charge of 25 cents per hour.

"We want to get people comfortable with using the garage," said Mr. Bruschi in a separate interview. "We have been told that people like to park on the street, and we would prefer that they just go directly to the garage and park."

The new garage costs will differ slightly from the Palmer Square and Hulfish garages. The cost to park in the existing garages for 8 hours is $12, and $16 for a full 24 hours. In the new garage, it will cost $10.50 to park for 8 hours, and $16.50 for 24 hours.

The price to park on Sunday will be comparable in all three garages. However, the Hulfish and Palmer Square overnight parking hours are 4:30 p.m. to 7 a.m. at a cost of $3, while the new garage will charge $1.50 from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m., which allows more morning hours to retrieve the car, but less evening hours, which will preclude low-cost parking while dining downtown.

Up to 45 apartment residents will be issued an unlimited parking permit on the lower level of the garage for a fee of $150 per month. The Council is also looking into providing spaces for 15 retail store managers at the same rate; however, Councilman Roger Martindell objected to the idea of using up those spaces in the garage.

He said the garage should be used as a convenience for shoppers who are coming in and out throughout the day.

"We can provide [spaces], but we don't need to provide them right in that garage," he said.

For example, staff of the Princeton Public Library won't be parking in the garage, but will be able to park in 33 spaces at the Merwick Rehab Hospital and Nursing Care Center, located off Route 206.

Library patrons will receive up to two hours of free garage parking, which can be validated at the front desk of the library.

Promotion of the garage will include fliers, signs downtown, and cable programs on CATV. Mr. Bruschi said he expects the state to fund, at least in part, these extra costs.

In addition, the Council is considering a "soft opening" for the garage, charging only 25 cents per hour during opening week.

These preparations are being made to get drivers off the street. Many drivers continually drive up and down Nassau Street and neighboring roads searching for a parking spot, Mr. Bruschi said. The Council would like to see drivers go directly to the garage when they enter town.

A crane for the downtown construction arrived on Thursday, November 13, said Carl Peters, Borough engineer. The foundation is complete on the library side of the construction site, and workers will continue to work from sunrise to sunset, six days a week, to complete the project in the most thorough manner, he said.

The Princeton Public Library staff is hoping the garage will be complete by early March, said Eric Greenfeldt, assistant library director. He said the library is very much dependent upon the parking that will become available in the garage.

"We fully expect the garage to be complete in early March," he said: "In case of delay, we would be very cautious about opening without the parking garage available."

—Candace Braun

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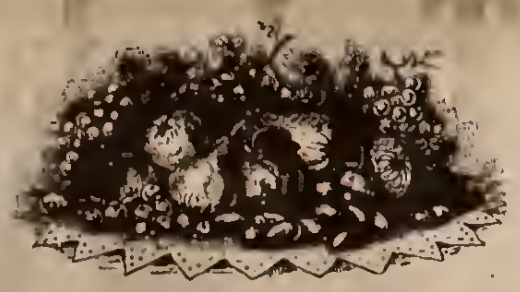

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 19

12:30 to 1 p.m.: Organ recital; Princeton University Chapel.

7:30 p.m.: Princeton Human Services; 380 Witherspoon Street.

8 p.m.: Concert, *An American Collection*; Wolfensohn Hall, Institute for Advanced Study. Also Friday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 4 p.m.

8 p.m.: Singer Cassandra Wilson; McCarter Theatre.

Thursday, November 20

12:15 p.m.: Recital, Westminster Conservatory at Nassau; Niles Chapel, Nassau Presbyterian Church.

8 p.m.: *Big Love*; Roger S. Berlind Theatre. Also Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: Borough Zoning Board of Adjustment; Borough Hall.

8 p.m.: *Titus Andronicus*; Richardson Auditorium. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Friday, November 21

12:30 p.m.: Gallery Talk, "Personalities in Chinese Art"; Princeton University Art Museum. Also Sunday at 3 p.m.

7:30 p.m.: Family Sing-Along; Princeton Public Library.

8 p.m.: *A Thanksgiving Festivol*, with Westminster Symphonic Choir; Princeton University Chapel.

8 p.m.: *Noises Off*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: *A Wolk in the Woods*; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick.

Saturday, November 22

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Crafters' Marketplace; Princeton Day School.

11 a.m.: Children's Talk, "Miss'-ology"; Princeton University Art Museum.

2 and 4 p.m.: *The Jungle Book*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College.

7:30 p.m.: String band Rani Arbo & daisy mayhem; Grounds For Sculpture, Hamilton.

8 p.m.: Concert, Non Sequitur Ensemble; Taplin Auditorium.

Sunday, November 23

1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.: *The Nutcrocker*; McCarter Theatre.

3 p.m.: Mercer County Honors Choir, *An Americon Celebrotion*; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

4 p.m.: Princeton Symphony Orchestra, "Sunday Afternoon with Mozart & Friends"; Montgomery Center for the Arts, Skillman.

4 p.m.: Westminster Faculty Recital, *Dreoms of Spoin*; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

Monday, November 24

8 p.m.: Friends of Music Student Recital; Taplin Auditorium.

Tuesday, November 25

7:30 p.m.: Borough Council; Borough Hall.

8 p.m.: Princeton Regional Schools Board Meeting; John Witherspoon Middle School.

Wednesday, November 26

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Thursday, November 27
Thanksgiving

Friday, November 28

1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.: *The Nutcrocker*; McCarter Theatre. Also Saturday at 1 and 4:30 p.m., Sunday at 1 p.m.

5 p.m.: Annual Tree Lighting; Palmer Square Green.

8 p.m.: *Miracle on 34th Street*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

Saturday, November 29

11 a.m.: Children's Talk, "Let's Play Ball"; Princeton University Art Museum.

SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 19- Wednesday, November 26

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Wednesday, November 19:
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10:00 a.m. Islam IV; Clay Street Learning Center.
10:00 a.m. Studio Time; SPC.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
11:00 a.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
1:00 p.m. Our Town; SPC.
1:00 p.m. Blood Pressure, SC.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.

Thursday, November 20:
9:30 a.m. Yoga; SPC.
10:00 a.m. Three Irishmen off the Page; PCV.
12:00 p.m. PADA Gambling Addiction (lunch included); SPC.
1:00 p.m. Art; SPC.

Friday, November 21:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPC.
10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPC.

Monday, November 24:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPC.
10:00 a.m. Islam in the 20th Century; Clay Street Learning Center.
11:15 a.m. Chair Exercise; SPC.
1:00 p.m. Strength Training; SPC.
1:30 p.m. The Wonder of Wordplay w/Rice Lyons; SPC.
2:00 p.m. Founding Fathers of Jazz; Call for location.

Tuesday, November 25:
10:00 a.m. Tai Chi; SPC.
10:00 a.m. Contemporary Dilemmas; SPC.
11:30 a.m. Bridge Basics; SPC.
12:30 p.m. Social Bridge; SPC.
1:00 p.m. Lighten Up P'ton; SPC.
1:00 p.m. "Parlons!" Conversational French; SPC.
1:00 p.m. From the Civil War to the Present Day; SC.
1:30 p.m. Computer Lab; SPC.

Wednesday, November 26:
9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPC.
10:00 a.m. Islam IV; Clay Street Learning Center.
10:00 a.m. Studio Time; SPC.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
11:00 a.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
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MAILBOX

Relocation of University Medical Center Would Represent a Loss to Community

To the Editor:

A possible relocation of the Medical Center and Merwick to a location outside Princeton would be a severe loss to our community that needed and nurtured them. Two solutions appear possible: zoning changes providing some flexibility at the present location; and relocation to the area between Washington and Alexander Road, reaching over the Dinky, as close to Princeton as possible — not down along Route 1 or beyond. This location could offer a Dinky stop for employee and patient access. The present owner, the University, would have to be convinced that community service demands such a land concession and would have to be assisted in finding some compensation.

Instead of a sale of the Medical Center building and associated areas to the University, a usage for greatest tax income from that area would be preferable. Incentives could be offered to a new commercial user.

The Merwick area comprises 13 acres and could offer two quite distinct usages of interest to the community: continuation of the present long-term care service in a new building with one more floor for patients than the present one and using only two acres of all that land; or usage of the remaining 11 acres for senior living — possibly for a few hundred — in walking distance to the "Y", pools, tennis, Palmer Square, and all the culinary, intellectual, or cultural activities in town.

The continued availability of both functions right here in town, long-term care, and senior living, would be of greatest value to our community.

In comparing the moving of the long-term care facility to a location outside of Princeton and selling the land to the highest bidder, the difference would only be the price of the two acres of land for the building, since the remaining 11 acres could be assessed at market price when constructing senior living facilities at that location. A fund raising effort for those $2 million is quite thinkable if it could accomplish the retention of senior living in the center of town combined with long-term care. Seniors as well as long-term care patients do care where they are located. Their few remaining friends are often of our community and no longer very mobile. Being moved out of Princeton would augment senior isolation.

The senior living area could share the dining facility, emergency help, parking, and other facilities with the long-term care facility in a rebuilt Merwick building. This would save considerable space and also some costs for both facilities. The senior living area would not have to be in the form of an organization as other senior centers are. It could be an accumulation of privately owned condominium apartments or town houses — with the owners contracting individually with the long-term care facility for dining, emergency help, parking, and other services. Furthermore, the senior living area could contribute temporary or permanent occupancy to the long-term care area.

The above concepts would need the full support of the Mayors and the citizens of the two Princetons.

HELMUT SCHWAB
Westcott Road

Do Some People Imagine They Are Cars? Parking Incident Leads Reader to Wonder

To the Editor:

I always knew that some people felt strongly about their cars, but, as I've come to find out through a friend's strange story, there are those in Princeton who feel they are cars.

On a busy weekday afternoon, my hapless friend was in town trying to find a parking space when, to his amazement, he spotted one on Witherspoon Street. As he went to back into it, he immediately noticed a man waving him off with exaggerated flourishes. Understanding instantly what this joker was trying to pull, he did some waving off of his own and resumed backing into the spot. At this point, the man's histrionics turned into a drum solo on the trunk of my friend's car as he continued to try to reserve the spot like some kamikaze valet. Once my poor friend had finished parking, the man informed him that the spot was already taken. As further proof of the mysterious contract sealed between an invisible automobile and its raving representative, the man pointed out that he had already put money in the meter — genuine legal tender. Well, how do you argue with that?

The answer is simple: you don't. Which is exactly why my wise friend just walked away. One should never argue with a person who thinks they're a car; in a turn signal's flash, they might think they're a steamroller and try to walk all over you.

MARGAUX O'NOLAN
Witherspoon Street

Recreation Department Board and Staff Salute Their Retiring Executive Secretary

To the Editor:

The Joint Recreation Board members and the Princeton Recreation Department staff would like to publicly recognize the exceptional service of Marianne Tamasi to this community.

Marianne is retiring after 32 years of service as executive secretary to the Recreation Department. Over that period of time, she has distinguished herself as the consummate professional. She has successfully completed countless assignments and tasks and done them in the way that she does all of her work — flawlessly.

We are saddened by her departure, but thrilled about all the prospective opportunities that lie before her. Good Luck, Marianne! We all wish you the best.

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WEDDINGS

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McNeil-Wijesooriya. Lawson Johnston McNeil, daughter of Thomas K. McNeil and Wendy Lawson-Johnston McNeil of Princeton, to Niran Romesh Wijesooriya, son of Aruna and Manilka Wijesooriya of Atlanta, Ga.

The bride's father is the managing partner of Mercer Capital LLC; her mother is a vice-president of the Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation, founded by the bride's great-great-grandfather.

The ceremony on September 20 at Edith Memorial Chapel, Lawrenceville, was followed by a reception at the McNeil home.

The bride, who will take the name of Wijesooriya, works in community redevelopment projects and is a public school substitute teacher and field hockey referee.

The groom is a fourth year medical student at The University of Virginia School of Medicine.

The couple lives in Charlottesville, Va.

Stockwell-Persons. Katharine Ward Stockwell, daughter of Margaret G. and D. Hunt Stockwell, Jr. of Princeton, to Alexander Douglas Persons, the son of Florence D. and John Pat Persons of Vero Beach, Fla. and Norfolk, Conn., on November 15. The Rev. Dr. Alan Mermann officiated at The Church of Christ, Congregational in Norfolk. A reception followed at Gedney Farm, New Marlborough, Mass.

The bride is the director of alumni and parent programs at The Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, Conn. She was graduated from Princeton High School, cum laude from Harvard College, and received an MBA from the Yale University School of Management, where she is a member of the Alumni Association Board. Her mother is retired from the Princeton Public Library. Her father retired as Senior Vice President of Chemical Bank New Jersey.

The groom is the global information systems manager of the Farmington River Watershed Association in Simsbury, Conn. He is a graduate of Rocky Mountain Academy, Bonners Ferry, Ind., and the University of Oregon; and has a master's degree in geography from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He is a member of the Norfolk Volunteer Fire Department. His father retired as a partner in the law firm of Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler in New York City.

The couple will take a wedding trip to Tasmania, Australia. They reside in Norfolk, Conn.

Princeton Rep Benefit Looks at Period Food

Food historian and author Francine Segan will be on hand for Shakespeare's Kitchen: Eat for Art, a winter gala to benefit the Princeton Rep Shakespeare Festival on Saturday, December 6, at 7 p.m.

The evening of Renaissance food will take place at the home of Carrie and John Pallat on Winant Road, which was originally part of the 273-acre Edgerstoune estate and built circa 1900 for Archibald Douglas Russell.

The gala program will feature a five-course Renaissance dinner with an assortment of wines. Ms. Segan will give a talk, followed by author book signing and a silent auction. Excerpts of Shakespeare's plays will be performed by members of the rep company.

Ms. Segan's new cookbook, *Shakespeore's Kitchen: Renoissonce Recipes for the Contemporory Cook*, was released by Random House in October. She has also written *Movie Menus: Perfect Meols with Your Favorite Films*, which will be published in February.

Ms. Segan, a culinary historian, child psychologist and historic menu-planning consultant, has appeared on the Today Show, Live with Regis and Kathie Lee, and the Food Network.

The benefit menu will feature kickshaws (appetizers), salads, stews, and salmon and roasted pork entrees. The final course will be a Renaissance desserts specialty called, the Banquet, with such desserts as 1610 Rose Cakes, Apple Tarts with Candied Orange Crust, and Banbury Cakes.

The evening's entertainment will serve up Princeton Rep actors: Donald Kimmel, who appeared as Mr. Ford in PRSF's summer 2003 production of *The Merry Wives of Windsor*; Susan Garrett of Princeton and a member of Princeton Rep Company since 1991; Eric Alperin, who was seen by Festival 2002 audiences in the roles of Touchstone in *As You Like It* and Edmond in *King Leor*; and Julia Poulos of Princeton, who will perform a sampling of favorite food scenes from Shakespeare's plays, such as the meat and mustard scene from *The Taming of the Shrew*.

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THEATER REVIEW

"Big Love," Big Fun and Some Big Ideas too at Berlind Theatre In Athletic Blend of Greek Classic and Modern Sexual Politics

It's campy. It's classical — firmly based on Aeschylus's *The Suppliant Women*. It's contemporary — the men may be a traditional lot, but the three female protagonists are as up-to-date as current events in sexual politics or the National Enquirer. It's a stunning spectacle — full of the most eclectic music and some of the most athletic acting imaginable. And from start to finish it's packed with fun, surprises and high-level entertainment.

Presented by the Princeton University Program in Theater and Dance and directed by faculty member Davis McCallum, Charles Mee's *Big Love* provides an exciting first University production in McCarter's new Berlind Theatre and a New Jersey premiere for this comedy that saw its original production at the Actors Theatre of Louisville in 2000 and was later produced by the Goodman Theatre of Chicago, then at Brooklyn Academy of Music and elsewhere. Mr. Mee's 2002 comedy *Wintertime* just completed a three-week run at McCarter's Matthews Theatre.

In characteristic Mee fashion, *Big Love* tells its story in a surprisingly — sometimes shockingly — disjointed manner, but the story is a compelling one and has apparently been so for more than 2400 years. (*The Suppliant Women*, written in about 420 B.C., may be the world's oldest existing play.)

It opens as a disheveled bride, Lydia (Alexis Schulman), stumbles down the theater aisle, steps onto the stage, approaches a large bath tub on what appears to be the patio of a well appointed seaside villa, slips out of her wedding gown and sinks into the tub.

Lydia is soon followed by two — Thyona (Hollis Witherspoon) and Olympia (Rachel Koblic) — of her forty-nine sisters, who have all arrived here in Italy on a yacht from Greece and are seeking asylum from an arranged marriage to their fifty cousins. The three young women immediately break into a rousing, heavily miked rendition of *You Don't Own Me*, (a 1963 Leslie Gore hit).

The line between sincerity and parody in this play is a thin one, and Mr. McCallum deftly steers this production back and forth across that line from Greek tragedy to contemporary cartoon. His talented, energetic, well-rehearsed undergraduate cast of nine principals plus extras loses none of the substance nor the comedy of the play en route.

Lydia, now in a bathrobe, and her sisters, still in their well-worn wedding dresses, make their appeal first to Giuliano (Andy Hoover), a sensitive young Italian, then to his uncle Piero (Charlie Hewson), the owner of the elegant estate where they have landed.

Piero, in pajamas, slippers and smoking jacket, protests, "You know, I am not the Red Cross . . . and as much as I would like to help, this is not my business."

"Whose business is it if not yours?" Thyona retorts sharply. "You're a human being."

The debate continues — What is our responsibility to strangers who seek our help? — and rapidly intensifies, turning into gender war as the sound of helicopters heralds the arrival of the men from Greece. They land thoroughly equipped with weapons, flight suits over their tuxedoes and flowers in their buttonholes. Led by Constantine (Jed Peterson), Nikos (John Doherty) and Oed (Andy Brown), the would-be grooms are prepared to take their brides by force, if necessary.

Both brutality and gentleness, hard political conflict and utter absurdity characterize this romantic comedy. There is an occasional excess of speechifying, as Constantine lectures on the violence inherent in male-female relations or Lydia expresses the quandary she is in as her heart battles with her mind or Giuliano reminisces or Thyona gets carried away in anger at the male sex. But the play keeps up a torrid pace for its uninterrupted 95 minutes and captivates the audience with what Mr. Mee describes in his script as "the over-the-top extremity of the physical world." That extremity here includes — among many other attractions — hurtling wedding presents, both female and male trios punctuated by body slams onto the stage floor, a food fight and what looks like an orgy, culminating in mass murder by a colorful variety of methods.

Though it is full of verbal, physical and behavioral excesses, the play never descends to didacticism or sentimentality.

Among the actors there are no weak links. Ms. Witherspoon's Thyona is especially memorable, strong and articulate — "Boy babies should be flushed down the toilet at birth" — in leading the battle of the sexes, but also on target are Ms. Schulman's thoroughly sympathetic Lydia and Ms. Koblic's more submissive Olympia, who protests that she is not a twit (though she does find the wedding presents and the honeymoon prospects irresistible).

Mr. Doherty's Nikos is suitably charming, conflicted, and confused as the romantic lead, and Mr. Peterson delivers an acrobatic, gender-bending tour de force in doubling as the brutal Constantine and the wise, philosophical Italian mother Bella. Maura Cody lends excellent comedic support as an eccentric British house guest/wedding planner and Mr. Hewson accompanies her deftly in his second role as an Italian visitor.

Among the non-sequiturs that somehow seem appropriate in this rich pastiche must also be included Mr. Hoover's affecting rendition of *Bewitched Bothered and Bewildered*.

Big Love is a big production, and production values here are consistently first-rate and of high professional quality, obviously enhanced by the state-of-the-art Berlind Theatre performance space. Andromache Chalfant's set design, nicely complemented by Mark Barton's evocative lighting, colorfully captures the spirit of the entire event with its contrasting tones: the feminine (rose petals, diaphanous curtains, a beautiful blue floor) and the masculine (large classical statues above, jagged sheets of metal on stage left), with an innocuous-looking roped in patio area that later turns out to serve as a wrestling ring for the violent combatants.

Also working overtime to brilliant and richly diverse effect were costume designer Junghyun Georgia Lee, sound designer Michael Friedman and choreographer Tracy Bersley.

Big Love plays at McCarter Theatre's new Berlind Theatre Thursday through Saturday, November 20-22, at 8 pm. Call (609) 258-2787 or (609) 258-1742 for tickets, or visit www.mccarter.org.

The penultimate scene here, like the final scene of Aeschylus's *Oresteia*, involves a trial in an attempt to achieve justice and wisdom, to determine where blame should fall, whether the brides should be punished for their murders, how Lydia should be punished for breaking her pact with her sisters and how this society can best move forward. Presiding over the proceedings of course is Bella (Mr. Peterson), the oracular maternal goddess figure of the play and ruler of the household.

Bella's verdict, a serious core to this hilarious play, may well be a verdict for us and our times. Along with the violent grooms, the murderous brides and the negligent host, we too have been on trial here. "If we cannot embrace another," Bella warns, "what hope do we have of life?"

—Donald Gilpin

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ATTORNEY SAVES KRINGLE: Starring in Playful Theatre's musical production of "Miracle on 34th Street" are from left Matt Frawley of Princeton as Fred; Samantha Satnick of Monmouth Junction as Susan; Marla Mangione of Trenton as Doris, and Tom Bessellieu of Pennington as Kris Kringle. "Miracle" opens at Kelsey Theatre at Mercer County Community Theatre on November 28.

"Miracle on 34th Street" Opens at Kelsey Nov. 28

The heartwarming story of Miracle on 34th Street takes the stage in a Playful Theatre Productions musical version of the story on Friday, November 28.

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Favorite tunes in the show include "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas," "Pinecones and Hollyberries," and "My State, My Kansas." A medley of holiday songs performed by an orchestra led by Jamie and Bonnie Capes of South Brunswick will start the show.

Matt Frawley, starring as Fred the attorney, has lived in Princeton for 12 years. He received his Ph.D. from Princeton Seminary and now is a lecturer in the religious studies and politics departments at Princeton University.

He feels that while his life's mission is to help college students develop their critical thinking and writing skills, his musical endeavors on stage afford him the opportunity to do something not only practical but truly noble.

Playful Theatre's *Miracle* opens at Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, on Friday, November 28, at 8 p.m. Performances are Friday and Saturday, November 28 and 29, and December 5 and 6. Matinees at 2 p.m. are Saturday and Sunday, November 29 and 30, and December 6 and 7.

Tickets are $14 for adults, $12 for seniors, and $10 for children. Call (609) 584-9444 or (609) 586-4800, ext. 3586, for reservations.

Concert to Celebrate Black Music and Poetry

The University Center for Human Values will present William Cook, Israel Evans Professor of Oratory and Belles Lettres at Dartmouth College, on Monday, December 8, at 8 p.m. in Taplin Auditorium. The concert, titled "The Aim Was Song: The Poetry and Music of Paul Laurence Dunbar, Scott Joplin and Colleagues," is part of a series of events celebrating the contributions of African-Americans to the liberal arts.

James Tatum, Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Professor for Distinguished Teaching at Princeton University, has organized the series and will provide piano accompaniment to Professor Cook. The event is cosponsored by the Program in African-American Studies and the Department of Classics.

Prof. Cook is a member of Actors' Equity, a director, and theater voice coach. He has published two volumes of poetry, and has served many national teachers' organizations, including the National Conference of the Teachers of English, as president.

A native of Trenton, Prof. Cook has taught at every level of education, from primary school through high school to undergraduate and graduate students. Before joining the Dartmouth faculty in 1973, he was for many years a teacher of English and theater in Princeton High School. Among his students there were Christopher Reeve and John Lithgow.

William Cook

Prof. Tatum and Prof. Cook have collaborated on a number of projects, including translating the comedies of Plautus. Prof. Tatum is the Aaron Lawrence Professor of Classics at Dartmouth College.

The December 8 performance is open to the public, and admission is free.

Taplin Auditorium is located in Fine Hall, near the intersection of Washington Road and Ivy Lane. For more information, call the University Center for Human Values at (609) 258-4798.

"Titus Andronicus" Set For Three Performances

The Princeton Shakespeare Company will present Titus Andronicus this Thursday through Saturday, November 20 through 22, at 8 p.m. in Alexander Hall's Richardson Auditorium. An example of the Elizabethan melodramatic revenge tragedy, the play takes place in and around ancient Rome, and involves the brutal revenge taken by Roman general Titus Andronicus against the men who raped his daughter, Lavinia.

Princeton Shakespeare Company's artistic director Joseph P. Cermatori '05, will direct the production.

Following the performance each evening the cast and crew will join in a question and answer period with the audience. On Friday, Professor Emeritus Thomas P. Roche, a scholar on Renaissance drama, will present a pre-performance lecture at 7:15 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium.

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String Band to Perform At Grounds for Sculpture

The band know as Rani Arbo & daisy mayhem will appear at Grounds For Sculpture on Saturday, November 22, at 7:30 p.m. The concert will open with folk singers Chris and Meredith Thompson.

Instrumentally, daisy mayhem includes fiddle, guitar, acoustic bass and percussion. The band's lead singer and fiddler, Ms. Arbo, is often joined in harmony by Andrew Kinsey, who plays bass, banjo, whistle, and ukulele. Rounding out the quartet are Anand Nayak, a guitarist with roots in folk and rock, and Scott Kessel, percussionist. The band is known for its original arrangements and interactive showmanship.

Ms. Arbo began her career in a New York City cathedral choir when she was seven. Her repertoire includes classical choral music as well as traditional and contemporary folk music. Self-described as a "self-taught" fiddler, she is interested in swing, blues, Appalachian, and gypsy styles.

Opening for daisy mayhem are the twin sisters Chris and Meredith Thompson. Meredith plays Celtic influenced flute and Latin rhythms on congas, while Chris plays percussive guitar in the classical and jazz vein. The sisters were finalists in the 2001 South Florida Folk Festival's Songwriting contest, and their song, *Clearwater*, was selected to be the opening track for the Clearwater Benefit CD.

Tickets, $12 for Grounds For Sculpture members and $15 for non-members, may be purchased in advance by calling (609) 689-1089. For dinner before the concert, call (609) 890-6015.

Grounds For Sculpture is located on the site of the former New Jersey State Fairgrounds at 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton.

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THEATER REVIEW

Princeton Triangle Club Presents Reality TV In Lively and Well-Executed Stage Production

Lorne Michaels could take a lesson from Princeton University's Triangle Club. The long-time producer of Saturday Night Live is responsible, like the directors of The Triangle Club, for presenting a series of sketches and musical numbers, but unlike Saturday Night Live, which has had its ups and downs in quality over the years, Triangle Club's revues have remained consistently fresh and strong. For *Love or Funny*, the fall revue, was presented this past weekend at McCarter Theatre. The audience on Friday night (the show was repeated Saturday and Sunday) drew heavily on the Saturday Princeton-Yale game, with many alums in the audience, as well as students cheering on their classmates.

As with many revues, there were several standout performers and features. One of the biggest stars of the show was the music, especially that composed by Drew Fornarola, Andrew Romano and Daniel Iglesia. *Jail House Brides*, composed by Mr. Fornarola and Sarah Unger and clearly inspired by the musical Chicago, was complex and clever. Mr. Fornarola also provided three other strong numbers in the program: *My Initiol Day of College*, *The Good Book* and *Singles Night*. In all these songs, with lyrics provided by Mr. Fornarola and Eve Glazer, the words were compactly set to upbeat singable tunes.

The principal composer featured in the second act was Mr. Romano, who was joined by a variety of lyricists, including Jay Katsir, Hugh Meighen, Sarah Grant and Margaret Tekla Soroka. Mr. Romano composed what seemed to be the unofficial theme song of the show, *This is Your Broin on Triangle*. Mr. Romano, Ms. Grant, (who also conducted the pit orchestra) and Ms. Soroka collaborated in writing the final kick-line number, *Pirotes of Men's Ponts*, featuring cross-dressing buccaneers of the sea. The opening *Project Spotlight*, composed by Daniel Iglesia, launched the overall plot with a tightly composed number that would fit well in any Broadway show.

These songs, as well as numerous other skits, were conjoined around a loosely structured plot of Norton, the hapless audience member (played with appropriate nerdiness by Ben Mains) wending his way through a reality TV show. Several other performers also demonstrated exemplary acting and singing abilities. In particular, Christine Murphy, Alison Squires and those "Pirates of Men's Pants" showed solid command of the stage and their sketches, as well as strong singing voices. Any weak points in the evening were seen in the spoken sketches, in which it was often hard to understand the actors who did not always speak as slowly and precisely as they could have.

As the plot was centered on a reality television program, the sets, designed by Steve Capone, were comprised of three TV sets, recalling the design of *Let's Make o Deol*. The bright colors of these sets were augmented by the bright costumes, designed by Anne-Marie Wright. The costumes in the first number in particular, had the feel of Radio City, adding to the absurdity of the sketch. There was much contemporary humor in the sketches, parodying current television programs or political figures, but this humor is always well appreciated by the audience.

TRIANGLE'S TRIANGLE: Members of the cast of the Triangle Club Show "For Love or Funny," form a human pyramid during the opening of Act II of the show at McCarter Theatre. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

Although the talents of the Triangle undergraduates was sufficient to carry the show, Triangle's professionals help pull the sketches together into a well-oiled performance. Director and Choreographer Dan Knechtges brought opera, Broadway and film experience to create tight production numbers with good flow of motion from the actors. Music Director Steven Silverstein, assisted by a jazzy and precise pit orchestra conducted by Ms. Grant, created a solid and quick-paced musical production from the series of sketches. The overall musical effect was colored well by the orchestrations of Ron Drotos.

Triangle productions demonstrate a range of Princeton University student talent now always seen elsewhere on campus. Although Princeton students have shirted off and on over the years with a musical theater company, the 113 years of Triangle have consistently honed the Broadway-style skills of undergraduates while drawing some of the fullest houses seen in the community. **—Nancy Plum**

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SCULPTURE GROUNDS SINGERS: The band know as Rani Arbo & daisy mayhem will perform Saturday, November 22, at Grounds For Sculpture in Hamilton. Lead singer Rani Arbo, third from left, will be accompanied by, from left, Andrew Kinsey on bass and banjo; percussionist Scott Kessel; and Anand Nayak, guitarist. Folksingers Chris and Meredith Thompson will open the 7:30 p.m. concert. *(Photo by Patrick O'Connor)*

Composers' Ensemble To Present Concert Of New Compositions

The Non Sequitur New Music and Creative Arts Ensemble will present a program of new works by Princeton University faculty and graduate student composers at Taplin Auditorium on Saturday, November 22, at 8 p.m. The program, sponsored by The Composers' Ensemble at Princeton, will feature Dan Trueman, assistant professor of music at Princeton, on electronic violin/laptop.

Known for its original programming, Non Sequitur takes contemporary music as a point of departure and incorporates improvisation, theater, pop, and non-Western music into its performances. Ensemble members include Ned McGowan, flute; Gabriel Golkosky, violin; Ha-Yang Kim, violoncello; and Nathan Davis, percussion.

A "Pierrot-plus-percussion" group, Non Sequitur began as the Aspen Contemporary Ensemble at the Aspen Music Festival from 1996 to 1998. Over the seven years the members have been together, they have given numerous United States and world premieres, and have worked closely with such composers as Thomas Ades, John Harbison, George Tsontakis, Bernard Rands, Clarence Barlow, George Crumb, and Paul Koonce. In 2002, the group toured The Netherlands, performing in Amsterdam, Utrecht, and The Hague. It has conducted residencies at Dartmouth College, Harvard University, and Brandeis University, and will soon release a debut CD featuring works by Xenakis, Boulez, and original works by group members.

Much of Non Sequitur's work has been educational, including interactive workshops for students from preschool to graduate school. Past workshops have included the National Student Composers Conference in Ann Arbor, Mich., and the Aspen Music Festival outreach program in Colorado's Roaring Fork Valley. In 2003, the ensemble returned for its fourth summer as ensemble-in-residence at the Walden School for Young Composers.

The November 22 program will include Trebly by graduate student Nathan Michel; Eight Plus, by graduate student Greg Spears; Short and Zippy by graduate student Brooke Joyce; and Mr. Trueman's Counterfeit Curio, a work commissioned by the Society for New Music.

Sponsored by the Princeton University Department of Music and The Friends of Music at Princeton, the concert is free and open to the public.

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The concert, which is set for 8 p.m. in the Princeton University Chapel, will include the Westminster Symphonic Choir, conducted by Joseph Flummerfelt; Westminster Schola Cantorum, conducted by James Litton; and Westminster Chapel Choir, conducted by Andrew Megill.

The choirs will be joined by Organist Nancianne Parrella and Solid Brass, a brass ensemble.

The program will include Benjamin Britten's *Festivol Te Deum*, William Walton's *Jubilote Deo*, Johannes Brahms' *Ave Morio*, Anton Bruchner's *Virga Jesse* , and Ralph Vaughan Williams' Old *Hundredth Psolm Tune*.

In addition, Ms. Parrella and Solid Brass will perform *Solute!* by Arthur Bliss, *Te Deum* by Marc-Antoine Charpentier, and *Marche Triomphole* by Louis Vierne.

"This is the first time in recent memory that this many Westminster voices have joined for a public performance in Princeton," said Westminster Dean Robert Annis.

The dean explained that the event will celebrate one of the final performances of Artistic Director and Principal Conductor Joseph Flummerfelt, who retires at the end of this academic year.

Mr. Flummerfelt's 30-year career has included collaborations with such eminent conductors as Abbado, Bernstein, Boulez, Dohnanyi, Giulini, Leinsdorf, Macal, Masur, Mehta, Muti, Ozawa, Penderecki, Sawallisch, Shaw and Steinberg.

He is one of three artistic directors for the Spoleto Festival U.S.A. in Charleston, S.C. and for 23 years he was the Maestro del coro for the Festival dei Due Mondi in Spoleto, Italy.

Mr. Litton, who conducts Westminster's Schola Cantorum, is adjunct professor of conducting. He is a specialist in children's choral techniques, and conducted The American Boychoir in more than 2,000 concerts during his 16 seasons as music director there.

Mr. Megill, who conducts both Westminster Chapel Choir and the Westminster Singers, is artistic director of Fuma Sacra, Westminster's ensemble-in-residence, and specializes in Renaissance and Baroque vocal music.

Westminster's Symphonic Choir is composed of juniors, seniors and graduate students. Its 2002-2003 season will include several performances with the New York Philharmonic, as well as the Cleveland Orchestra.

Schola Cantorum is composed of Westminster sophomores, and it will tour the southern U.S. this winter. Chapel Choir is composed of students in their first year of study at Westminster.

Ms. Parrella is an organist, pianist and harpsichordist. Formerly, she was organist with the New York Philharmonic and The American Boychoir. Members of Solid Brass have performed at Lincoln Center with the Metropolitan Opera and New York City Opera orchestras. Tickets are $50, $35, $20 and $15. They may be ordered by calling the Westminster box office at (609) 921-2663.

Westminster Choir College is part of Rider University.

Student Recital Planned By Friends of Music

The Friends of Music at Princeton will present a student recital on Monday, November 24, at 8 p.m. in Taplin Auditorium. The program will feature violinist Alexis Kende '05, pianist Felice Kuan '04, and violist Crista Kende '07, performing works of Mozart, Bach, Barber, Massenet, and Kreisler.

Ms. Kende is a junior at Princeton, pursuing a degree in religion and a Certificate in Musical Performance. She is a graduate of The Juilliard Pre-College Division, and has won awards from the Long Island Philharmonic, Washington Chamber Symphony, and Queens Symphony, among others. In 2001, she won the annual Concerto Competition of the Princeton University Orchestra, performing Mozart's A-Major Violin Concerto with the Orchestra.

Ms. Kuan is a senior at Princeton pursuing a degree in mathematics and a Certificate in Musical Performance. Also a graduate of the Juilliard Pre-College Division, she was the winner of the 2000 Eastman International Young Artists Competition, and a co-winner of the annual Concerto Competition of the Princeton University Orchestra. She performed the Grieg A-Minor Piano Concerto with the ensemble in October.

Ms. Kende, a freshman at Princeton, is also a graduate of the Juilliard Pre-College Division, where she studied with Eugene Becker. She has been recognized by the New York Viola Society, the Virtu Foundation, and the Juilliard School. In 1995, she performed as soloist with the Juilliard Chamber Orchestra, and in 2003, her chamber music group was selected to perform at the Juilliard commencement. She is a member of the Princeton University Orchestra.

The November 24 program will open with the *Duo in B-flat Major for Violin ond Viola* of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. It will continue with Johann Sebastian Bach's *Sonata in G Minor for Unaccomponied Violin*. The Concerto for Violin and Orchestra of Samuel Barber, arranged for violin and piano, the *Meditation* from Thois of Massenet, and the *Tombourin Chinois* of Fritz Kreisler will complete the program.

The recital is open to the public without charge.

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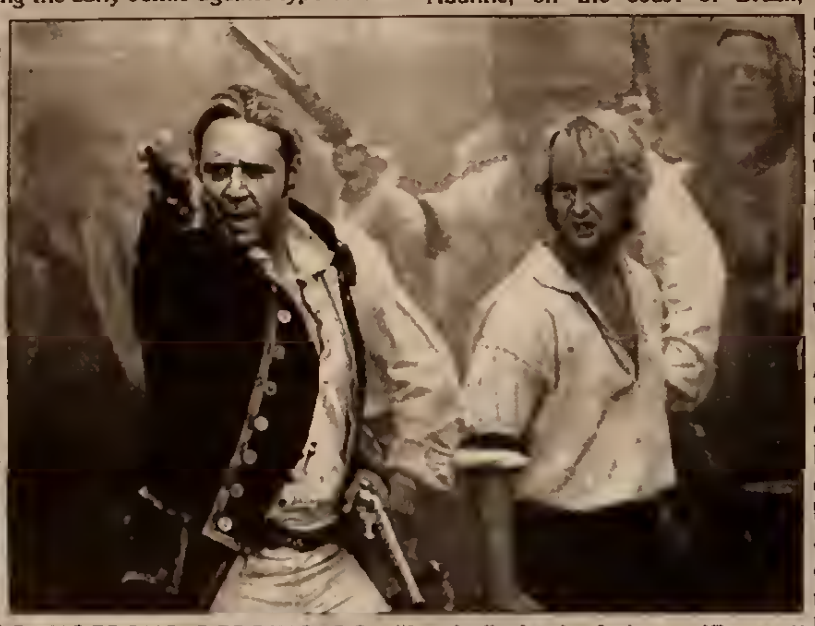
Snail-Paced Swashbuckler a Sure Cure for Insomnia

Leave it to Peter Weir to figure out a way to snap Russell Crowe's string of inspired performances which started with *LA Confidentiol* and included *A Beautiful Life, Gladiator, The Insider, Proof of Life,* and more. After all, Weir's the same director who almost torpedoed Jim Carrey's skyrocketing career by casting the zany comic against type as an almost sedated dullard in *The Trumon Show.* That, right on the heels of such high-octane hits as, *Lior, Lior, Ace Venturo 1 & 2, The Mosk,* and *Dumb ond Dumber.*



DANGEROUS DERRING DO: "Lucky" Jack Aubrey (Russell Crowe, left) takes aim as coxswain Barret Bonden (Billly Boyd) offers encouragement. *(Photo by Stephen Vaughan)*

Russell Crowe is such a gifted actor that, normally, he is able to elevate even the most mediocre material to an acceptable level. Alas, this is not the case with *Moster and Commander,* an ill-fated bastardization of *The Far Side of The World,* the 10th installment in Patrick O'Brian's scintillating swashbuckling series of best-sellers. The prolific author, who died in 2000 at the age of 85, wrote a total of 20 books based on the daring seafaring exploits of Captain "Lucky" Jack Aubrey and intelligence agent Dr. Stephen Maturin.

The story was originally set during the War of 1812 and followed its dashing pair of heroes aboard the HMS Surprise where they led a motley crew of misfits on a mission around Cape Horn to intercept an American frigate which had been attacking British whaling vessels in uncharted Pacific waters. Along the way, they encounter everything from a primitive tribe of lesbian Amazons to the odd menagerie of creatures inhabiting the Galapagos Islands.

It is understandable that in the course of distilling a 366-page opus down to a two-hour action flick, some scenes might be simplified, some characters conflated, and anything extraneous might be excised entirely. However, the original material, to its detriment, has been so severely altered that the studio should have considered coming up with a new title altogether, or better yet, should have simply scrapped the project.

The movie is set during the Napoleonic Wars, apparently in order that the villains could now conveniently be changed from American to French, the nationality of Hollywood's new generic bad guy. The story unfolds in the Atlantic, off the coast of Brazil, with "the Frenchies" mounting a cowardly sneak attack on The Surprise, exacting a heavy toll on both crew and ship. Captain Aubrey (Crowe) proceeds to oversee repairs while Dr. Maturin (Paul Bettany) attends to the wounded.

Although The Acheron has guns with double the range and double the firepower, Lucky decides on a ceaseless chase. But between that initial attack and the cataclysmic showdown, there's about two hours of humdrum nothingness which leads one to think there wasn't much more to do at sea than drink rum, sing sea shanties, carve scrimshaw, and peer into space through a telescope from the crow's nest.

While *Moster ond Commonder* recaptures the bygone days of the ultimate in intimate male-bonding opportunities, it fails to develop any meaningful relationships among its characters. Thus, this is a mindless war movie with dialogue saturated with words such as sextant, leftenant and bosun's mate, and punctuated with Anglophilic appeals like "For England! For home and the prize!" and "This ship is England!"

As for the cinematography, remember how frightfully gripping the huge waves were in *The Perfect Storm* from start to finish? Well, don't expect anything close to that. This film relies mostly on fake-looking miniature ships and computer-generated models during its action sequences. The rest of the camera work, shot in a seven-acre tank at a Fox Studio in Mexico, was too closely cropped to allow for the expansive feel of an oceanic epic.

Fair (★). Rated PG-13 for intense battle scenes, gory wounds and brief profanity. **—Kam Williams**

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Mystic River (R): Fri.-Sat., 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30; Sun.-Tues., 1:30, 4:10, 6:50

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Shattered Glass (PG-13): Fri.-Sat., 2:20, 4:40, 7, 9:20; Sun.-Tues., 2:20, 4:40, 7

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Brother Bear (G). Old-fashioned animated feature from Disney, set in the West before the arrival of the white man, tells the tale of the unlikely friendship forged between a young, Native American brave (Joaquin Phoenix) and an anthropomorphic grizzly bear cub (Jeremy Suarez). Additional voicework supplied by Michael Clarke Duncan and Rick Moranis.

The Cat in the Hat (PG for crude humor and double entendres). Mike Myers morphs into the title character of the Dr. Seuss children's classic about a young brother (Spencer Breslin) and sister (Dakota Fanning) left home alone who get an unexpected visit from a fun-loving feline. Supporting cast includes Kelly Preston and Paris Hilton.

Elf (PG for crude humor and mild epithets). Roots comedy about the search for his biological father by a man (Will Ferrell) raised as an Elf by Santa Claus (Ed Asner) at the North Pole.

Gothika (R for violence, nudity and brief profanity). Horror flick with Halle Berry as a shrink with amnesia who finds herself committed to her own asylum and accused of her husband's (Charles Dutton) murder. With Robert Downey, Jr. and Penelope Cruz.

In the Cut (R for nudity, explicit sexuality, expletives and graphic violence). Erotic thriller based on the Susanna Moore novel of the same name. Director Jane Campion casts Meg Ryan as a frump having a passionate affair with a cop investigating the messy murder of a neighbor of hers.

Intoleroble Cruelty (PG-13 for slight sex content, profanity, and brief violence). Zany comedy, courtesy of the Coen Brothers, about a ruthless divorce lawyer (George Clooney) who finds himself seduced by a satisfied client's (Edward Herrmann) vengeful ex-wife (Catherine Zeta-Jones). The cast includes Cedric the Entertainer, Billy Bob Thornton, and Geoffrey Rush.

Looney Tunes: Bock in Action (PG for mild epithets and sexual innuendo). A jealous Daffy Duck quits showbiz because Bugs Bunny gets all the best work in this adventure which mixes live action with Warner Brothers' animated characters. Brendan Fraser, Jenna Elfman and Heather Locklear join cartoon cast for a globetrotting tale which takes them from Hollywood to parts unknown in search of the priceless Blue Monkey Diamond.

Lost in Translation (R for sex content). Drama about an over-the-hill movie star (Bill Murray), in Tokyo to tape a TV commercial, who befriends a bored housewife (Scarlett Johansson) neglected by her workaholic husband.

Love Actually (R for sex, nudity and profanity). Irreverent British holiday comedy about 8 London couples in crisis whose lives become hopelessly intertwined by Christmas Eve.

Master ond Commander: The Far Side of the World (PG-13 for battle scenes and intermittent expletives). Peter Weir's adaptation of the Patrick O'Brian seafaring adventure, set during the Napoleonic Wars, stars Russell Crowe as the Captain of a British man-of-war chasing a French frigate around Cape Horn.

The Motrix: Revalutions (R for sex and expletives). Cinematic closure arrives with this final installment in the mind-bending, sci-fi trilogy as war erupts on the scorched Earth as the machines invade Zion. With the identical cast as the simultaneously shot Matrix 2, except for Gloria Foster, who died during the filming.

The Missing (R for violence). A Ron Howard directed Western with Tommy Lee Jones as a father who mends fences with his estranged daughter (Cate Blanchett) in time to hunt the outlaws who kidnapped her child. Val Kilmer, Rachel Evan Wood, and Aaron Eckhart are included in a top-flight cast.

Mystic River (R for profanity and violence). Clint Eastwood directed this labyrinthine whodunit starring Sean Penn as a man whose daughter has been murdered. Kevin Bacon and Laurence Fishburne co-star as the detectives handling the investigation, and Tim Robbins surfaces as the prime suspect.

Pieces of April (PG-13 for sensuality, expletives, drug content, and nudity). Katie Holmes stars in the title role of this comedy of errors as a Greenwich Village bohemian from a staid, suburban family who invites her folks to her tiny, dilapidated apartment for a holiday feast with her black boyfriend (Derek Luke).

Radia (PG for mild epithets and adult themes). Inspirational biopic about the enduring friendship forged between a South Carolina high school football coach (Ed Harris) and the mentally retarded black man (Cuba Gooding, Jr.) he has mentored for almost 40 years.

Runaway Jury (PG-13 for violence, language and adult themes). Adaptation of the John Grisham page-turner starring John Cusack as a mysterious man who manipulates his way onto a jury as foreman. Rachel Weisz co-stars as the girlfriend go-between willing to deliver the verdict in the multi-million dollar case to the higher bidder. With Dustin Hoffman, Gene Hackman, and Jennifer Beals.

Scory Movie 3 (PG-13 for crude and off-color humor, drug references, profanity and cartoonish violence). Third installment in series spoofs *Signs*, *8 Mile*, *Horry Potter* and a slew of other recent movies. No Wayans Brothers, but Anna Faris returns. Cameo heavy cast includes Anthony and Pamela Anderson, Charlie Sheen, Eddie Griffin, Queen Latifah, Simon Cowell, Leslie Nielsen, Macy Gray, George Carlin, Method Man, and many others.

The School of Rock (PG-13 for crude humor and drug references). Dark comedy with Jack Black as a down-and-out rock musician who starts substitute teaching at a posh prep school where he inspires his students to find their inner Hendrix.

The Stotion Agent (R for profanity and drug use). Drama about a reclusive dwarf living in an abandoned train depot whose oasis is invaded by an artist mourning the loss of her son and a hot dog vendor.

Sylvio (R for sex, expletives and nudity). Gwyneth Paltrow plays the title role in this biography of Sylvia Plath, the celebrated suicidal poet who was abandoned by her husband.

Tupoc: Ressurection (R for profanity, violence, drug use and sex). MTV-produced documentary on the rise and fall of late gangsta' rapper, Tupac Shakur (1971-1996), gunshot victim of the infamous East Coast-West Coast airwave turf war.

Under the Tuscan Sun (PG-13 for sex and expletives). Romantic comedy, loosely based on Frances Mayes' 1966 memoir, stars Diane Lane as a 35-year-old American lawyer who escapes her cheating husband by vacationing in Italy where she impulsively buys a fixer-upper and gets involved with a tall, dark, and handsome stranger.

—Kam Williams

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THE FRUITS OF ARTISANAL LABOR: This George Covington handmade basket will be one ot many pieces on display along the Covered Bridge Artisans Holiday Studio Tour from November 28 through November 30, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The event will feature the work of resident studio artisans at several studio locations as well as the work of guest artists that will be displayed in the Locktown Stone Church in Delaware Township. For more information, call (609) 397-1535.

ART

History of Photography Exhibited at Art Musuem

An exhibit offering a broad overview of the first six decades of the art of photography is currently on display at the Princeton University Art Museum.

The exhibit, "Stranger than Fiction: 19th Century Photographs from the Permanent Collection," will be shown through Monday, December 8.

The exhibit was organized in conjunction with the University art class, "History of Photography." The show included more than two dozen prints by American and European artists including Edouard Baldus, Julia Margaret Cameron, Gertrude Käsebier, Alfred Stieglitz, Carlton Watkins, and Clarence H. White, as well as the work of several anonymous and genre photographers who contributed to the 19th century canon.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The museum is free and open to the public. For more information, call (609) 258-3788.

Artisans Tour to Take Place On Thanksgiving Weekend

The ninth annual Covered Bridge Artisans Holiday Studio Tour will take place over Thanksgiving weekend, November 28 through November 30, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The event will feature the work of resident studio artisans at several studio locations, including Sunflower Glass Studio in Sergeantsville; Long Lane Farm Studio Potter in Sergeantsville; and Castlegate Farm in Kingwood; Swan Street Studio in Lambertville; and Studio 233 in Lambertville.

The work of seven guest artists will be displayed in the Locktown Stone Church in Delaware Township. They are George Covington, basketry; Tim Reece, paintings, ceramics, sculpture; Mark Zdepski, hand turned wooden bowls; Annelies van Dommelen, handmade boxes, prints, and paintings; Judy Covington, quilts; Ann Thomas, jewelry; and Anthony Cordasco, assorted silver pieces.

A map of the self-guided tour is available at the General Store in Sergeantsville at the intersection of routes 523 and 604. The tour is free of charge.

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SNAPSHOT OF THE ISLAND OF DESPAIR: This William Lake Price photograph depicting Robinson Crusoe stranded on an uncharted island is currently on display in "Stranger than Fiction: 19th Century Photographs from the Permanent Collection" at the Princeton University Art Museum. The exhibit offers a broad overview of the first six decades of the art of photography. The exhibit will run through December 8. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to S p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 1 to S p.m. on Sunday. The museum is free and open to the public. For more information, cali (609) 2S8-3788.

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A VINTAGE EXHIBIT: Napa Valley wine country is one of the various travel destinations exhibited in the current Deborah Singer Soffen display of watercolors and oil paintings at the Jewish Center of Princeton at 435 Nassau Street. For more information, call the Jewish Center of Princeton at (609) 921-0100.

Jewish Center Gallery Of Local Artist

Princeton resident Deborah Singer Soffen is currently featured in an exhibit on display at the Jewish Center of Princeton at 435 Nassau Street.

The exhibit, which will run through January 5, 2004, displays Ms. Soffen's collection of watercolors and oil paintings depicting various travel destinations, including the beach in Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, California's wine country.

Two smaller pen and ink drawings with watercolor washes are also exhibited.

There will be a reception on Sunday, December 14 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Several of the paintings will be available for purchase as giclee prints. Twenty percent of the sale price is a donation to the Jewish Center, and the remainder of the profits will support ovarian cancer research and awareness in memory of her cousin, Carole Singer.

For more information, call the Jewish Center of Princeton at (609) 921-0100.

THE POTTERY STATION: These three pieces are examples of what will be available at a holiday show of pottery, sculpture, and baskets by local artists at the Hopewell Train Station from Friday, November 28 to Monday, December 1. Show times will be 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. There will be an artists' reception from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, November 28. For more information, call (609) 466-2637.

Pottery, Handmade Baskets To be Featured at Show

A holiday show of pottery, sculpture, and handmade baskets by local artists will be held at the Hopewell Train Station from Friday, November 28 to Monday, December 1 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

Three local artists will be featured at the event. Charles McCollough, a retiree, is a full-time sculptor and works out of his barn studio in Hopewell. Mr. McCollough's work focuses on human and animal figures that are modeled and carved in clay and wood.

Ursula Kaplowitz owns the Clay Garden, a private pottery studio in Hopewell. She has been a professional potter and sculptor for 24 years and has shown and sold her pieces that are predominately made from clay and porcelain. Her work consists of functional and decorative items, as well as sculptural pieces.

Patricia Lange, a metal sculptor from Hopewell, has exhibited several of her outdoor pieces. However, Ms. Lange has acquired an affinity for composing in clay. Her pieces will also be on display.,

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Trenton Museum Exhibits Work of Three Area Artists

The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie in Cadwalader Park and the Trenton Museum Society are currently displaying a new exhibit featuring painters Jeff Epstein and Thom Lynch, and sculptor Dana Stewart.

The exhibit will run through January 4, 2004.

Mr. Epstein's paintings explore suburban landscapes, with an emphasis on solitude within the setting. He uses grander brush strokes to convey his images.

Mr. Lynch, through more calculated painting techniques, says that he tries to relate with the viewer to convey the meaning of his work. "These are the places where senses and events become imagination," he said.

Through bronze sculpture, Mr. Stewart's says that his art makes textual reference to the "real beast" and stressed line. He maintains a working reference to animal figuration.

For more information, call (609) 989-3632.

"BEST STEAKS IN TOWN": This Valerie Von Betzen oil painting is currently on display at the Coryell Gallery, Lambertville. It is part of a shared exhibit of the watercolor and acrylic paintings of Vincent Ceglia. An opening reception will take place on Sunday, November 23, 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. The exhibit will run through January 11, 2004. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 12 to 5 p.m. For more information, call (609) 397-0804.

Work of University Poet Will Be Observed

Princeton University, the Program in Creative Writing, and the Althea Ward Clark Reading Series has announced the celebration of the life and work of poet Theodore Weiss.

Theodore Weiss

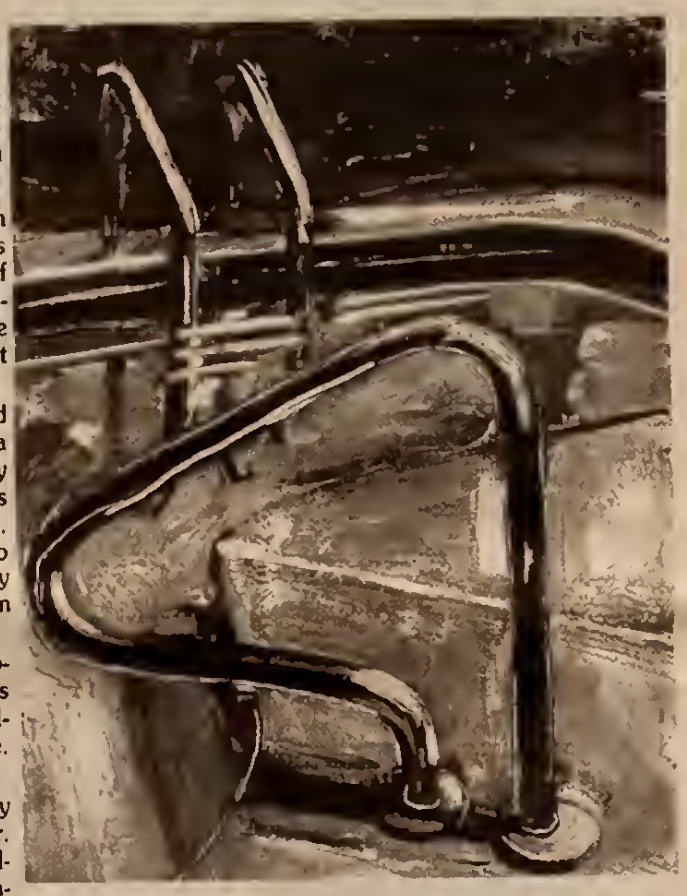
The celebration will take place Friday, November 21 at 4:30 p.m. in the James Stuart Theater at 185 Nassau Street.

Mr. Weiss, who died in April at the age of 86, was the editor and publisher of the Quarterly Review of Literature for nearly 60 years. He was also a professor at Princeton University.

Throughout the 1950s and 1960s, Mr. Weiss played a central role in the poetry world, critiquing poetic works and recruiting literary talent. His publication was also known for bringing already established poets back from obscurity.

The Quarterly Review published the works by poets such as William Carlos Williams, Wallace Stevens, e.e. cummings, and Ezra Pound.

Two films by Harry Edwards will be shown on Mr. Weiss and his poetry the following day, Saturday, November 22 at 10 a.m. in the James Stewart Theater. Both Friday's and Saturday's events will be free and open to the public. For more information, call (609) 258-4712.



A DIP IN THE POOL: This oil-on-aluminum painting by Jeff Epstein is part of an exhibit at the Trenton City Museum that also features the work of artists Thom Lynch and Dana Stuart. The exhibit will run through January 4, 2004. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 989-3632 or visit www.ellarslie.org.

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The 30th annual YWCA Princeton Crafters' Marketplace will be held Saturday and Sunday, November 22 and 23 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Princeton Day School on 650 The Great Road.

The craft show is a juried event that will feature more than 140 exhibitors from the Northeast.

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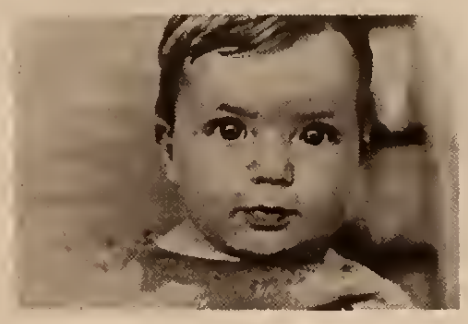
CLOSER TO FINE: This Mary Julia Kephart photograph is part of a photography exhibit at Gallery 14 on 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell that features more detailed, intimate photographs. Among the artists are Ms. Kephart, Stan Cohen, Heinz Gartlgruber, Jay Goodkind, Ed Greenblat, Jim Hilgendorf, Rhoda Kassof-Isaac, Frank Magelhaes, Coleen Marks, David H. Miller, Margaret Morgan, Harald Shrader, and Martin Schwartz. The exhibit will run through December 21. Gallery hours are Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call (609) 333-8511.



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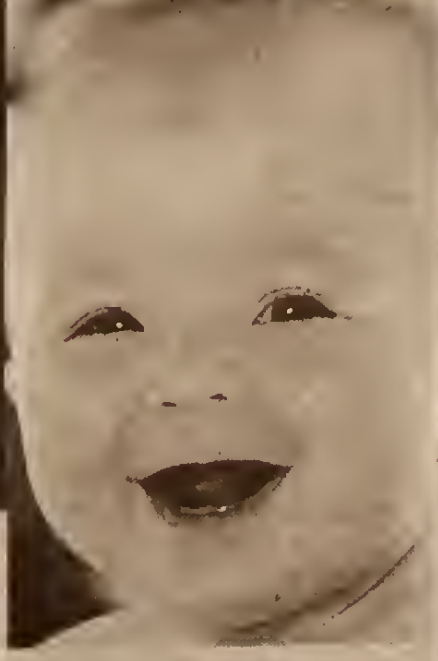

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"NovemberFest" Closes Out Programming at Branch

Princeton Public Library will close out programming at its temporary location at Princeton Shopping Center Friday, November 21 through Sunday, November 23, with "NovemberFest," an event that will feature a Friday night sing-along, a Saturday afternoon with storytellers and a Sunday afternoon performance by a folk duo.

NovemberFest will kick off with the library's final Unquiet Friday program at the Shopping Center with a family sing-along featuring Rich Kaufman of the Princeton Folk Music Society. Kaufman, with his guitar, will perform samples from his repertoire of folk songs and family favorites.

Storytellers will be in the spotlight on Saturday, Nov. 22 at 2 p.m., when the library participates in Tellabration 2003, a worldwide event that celebrates the art of storytelling. Storytellers all over the world, this weekend, will make appearances as part of the 15-year-old celebration, which last year featured more than 300 events in 42 states and 10 countries.

At the library, four members of the New Jersey Storytelling Network, Ken Galipeau, Rebecca Kelly, Carol Titus, and Pat Wayne, will be on hand for the events, telling tales from his songs and tales to delight a family audience.

NovemberFest will conclude with a return visit to the library by the folk duo Chris and Meredith Thompson on Sunday, Nov. 23 at 2 p.m. The identical twin sisters have released five Independent folk albums since 1996, including their latest, "Clearwater." The Providence, R.I. natives have headlined concerts and performed at festivals throughout the country, building, as the Hartford Courant noted, "a fan base of people who love their ghostly vocal harmonies, poignant lyrics and world music textures."

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BREAKING GROUND: Princeton Regional Schools Superintendent Claire Sheff Kohn looks on as new Princeton High School Principal Gary Snyder presents details about the school's $32.8 million renovation and expansion program that officially started Friday. New facilities planned for the high school are a gymnasium, auditorium, classroom wing, media center, and small-group instruction spaces, as well as renovations of administrative and guidance offices and classrooms throughout the original building. Mr. Snyder started his new job October 1. *(Photo by George Vogel)*

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Finding Your Style

There have been thousands of excellent chess players throughout the years, but they each have a unique style or combination of styles with which they play. One player will be attack-oriented and is always pushing for a beautiful sacrifice, while another will play more positional chess and slowly squeeze his opponents until the opposing king dies of claustrophobia.

Your style will not be evident in the first game you play. It takes several years for you to learn how you like to play. Do you like to risk everything for a quick mate? Are you a brilliant tactician and can't stand slow positional maneuvers? Or do you bask in the glory of defeating your opponent in a game where you gain more and more space, gradually pushing him off the board?

You will only be able to learn what kind of player you truly are by playing in as many games and tournaments as you can. I have mentioned this several times in this column: the best way to improve your play (and even to learn about yourself) is to play, play, play!

In this week's column, I have included a classic battle from the 1972 World Championship title match in which Bobby Fischer not only plays with superb tactical accuracy, but he shows his positional eye too. Enjoy!

—Chad Lieberman

Solution at bottom
White to mate in two.

Fischer, Bobby - Spassky, Boris
World Championship, 1972

1.e4	e5
2.Nf3	Nc6
3.Bb5	a6
4.Ba4	Nf6
5.0-0	Be7
6.Re1	b5
7.Bb3	d6
8.c3	0-0
9.h3	Nb8
10.d4	Nbd7
11.Nbd2	Bb7
12.Bc2	Re8
13.b4	Bf8
14.a4	Nb6
15.a5	Nbd7
16.Bb2	Qb8
17.Rb1	c5
18.bxc5	dxc5
19.dxe5	Nxe5
20.Nxe5	Qxe5
21.c4	Qf4
22.Bxf6	Qxf6
23.cxb5	Red8
24.Qc1	Qc3
25.Nf3	Qxa5
26.Bb3	axb5
27.Qf4	Rd7
28.Ne5	Qc7
29.Rbd1	Re7
30.Bxf7+	Rxf7
31.Qxf7+	Qxf7
32.Nxf7	Bxe4
33.Rxe4	Kxf7
34.Rd7+	Kf6
35.Rb7	Ra1+
36.Kh2	Bd6+
37.g3	b4
38.Kg2	h5
39.Rb6	Rd1
40.Kf3	Kf7
41.Ke2	Rd5
42.f4	g6
43.g4	hxg4
44.hxg4	g5
45.f5	Be5
46.Rb5	Kf6
47.Rexb4	Bd4
48.Rb6+	Ke5
49.Kf3	Rd8
50.Rb8	Rd7
51.R4b7	Rd6
52.Rb6	Rd7
53.Rg6	Kd5
54.Rxg5	Be5
55.f6	Kd4
56.Rb1	Black resigns

Solution:
1.Qa7+ Kh8 2.Rxa7#

CLUBS

The December 15th meeting of the **Women's College Club of Princeton** will feature a performance by Princeton Day School's Madrigal Singers. The meeting will be held at 1 p.m. at All Saints' Church, 16 All Saints' Road.

Performing music from many genres, the 36-member Princeton Day School choral group has recently performed in Toronto, Canada, and Boston, Mass., and will sing at Carnegie Hall the weekend after Thanksgiving. The ensemble is led by W. Bryce Hayes, a choral musician and educator.

Light refreshments will be served after the concert. The program is free and open to the public.

The **Woman's Club of Princeton's** November meeting will feature a talk by Trenton Times columnist Sharon Schlegel. The meeting will be on Thursday, November 20 at 1 p.m. at Buckingham Place, 155 Raymond Road.

Ms. Schlegel has covered everything from presidential conventions to dog shows. She will discuss the foibles and fun of print journalism.

The program is free and open to the public. To attend, call Joan Schluter at (609) 409-7277. Refreshments will be served.

The Princeton Area Chapter of **Mothers & More** will meet on Thursday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m. in a private home to hear guest speaker Kathleen Locke Manheimer, a Princeton University career counselor. For information on the meeting location, call Natalie at (609) 448-2913.

Mothers & More is an international not-for-profit organization supporting mothers who have altered their career paths in order to care for their children at home. The Princeton chapter holds regular meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month. It also hosts Mom & Tot outings, playgroups, Mom's night out events, family events, and a book club.

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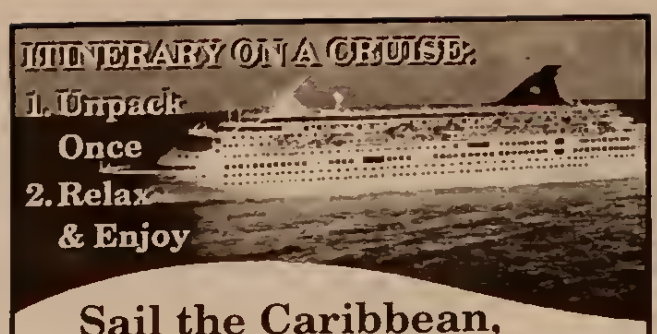

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30 Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported 30 births to area residents in the three-week period ending November 14.

Sons were born to Andriy Oliynyk and Susan Heinbert, Princeton, October 20; John Malak and Linda Marcos, Princeton, October 23; Jonathan and Julie Ladinsky, Lawrenceville, October 25; Paublo Aparicio and Reyna Ramirez, Princeton, October 25; Lei Chen and Guang Shen, Princeton, October 28; Ajay and Deepika Choudhri, Lawrenceville, October 30; Steven and Mary Weinstein, Princeton, November 3; and Christopher and Elise Tobia, Princeton, November 4; and Michael and Stacy Horan, Lawrenceville, November 11.

Daughters were born to Andrew and Melanie Wilhelm, Princeton, October 20; Jerry and Lisa Olcsvary, Princeton Junction, October 23; Chris and Danielle Kozloski, Princeton, October 24; Richard and Susan Falkowitz, Princeton Junction, October 25; Owen and Lisa O'Shea, Princeton Junction, October 25; Joshua Tucker and Elisabeth Gordon, Princeton, October 28; Maurice Alvarenga and Eveline Benavides, Princeton, October 28; and Jose Baldemar Lopez and Mayra Marroquin, Princeton, October 28.

Also to Steven Isaacson and Laura Lichstein, Princeton, October 30; Paul and Cherilyn Murphy, Lawrenceville, October 31; Newell and Sarah Thompson, Princeton, October 31; Nino Spera and Daniela Ciminella, Princeton, November 2; Tushan Patel and Vandana Singhvi, Princeton Junction, November 3; Lincoln Rounds and Heidi Schoenfeld, Skillman, November 4; and Andrew and Sally March, Skillman, November 4; Nancy Barrera, Princeton, November 6; Brad and Kim Moulder, Lawrenceville, November 7; Jian Guo and Ying Wu Wang, Princeton, November 9; Peter and Margaret Wilby, Princeton Junction, November 12; Dong-Yong and Chong-Hee Choi, Princeton, November 12; and Richard and Rita McCloskey, Princeton, November 13.

University Launches New Shuttle Service Route

Princeton University held a kick-off celebration to launch its new P-Rides shuttle line.

The line, which covers the eastern region of campus, features two new buses donated by the Ford Motor Co. Each bus uses environmentally friendly natural gas. BP PLC also donated several years' supply of alternative fuel for the vehicles.

The celebration included Mayor Phyllis Marchand of Princeton Township, Mayor Marvin Reed of the Borough, Charles Kalmbach, the University's senior vice president for administration, and several area business leaders and other local government and regional transportation officials along with members of the University community.

The shuttle system is designed to facilitate intercampus mobility for the faculty and graduate student population of the University.

Sports

Princeton Football Falls 27-24 in 2OT to Yale As It Suffers Another Last-Play Heartbreaker

While Princeton and Yale have played each other in football 126 times, few installments of their storied rivalry will match last Saturday's epic battle.

In the aftermath of Yale's come-from-behind 27-24 double overtime win over the Tigers before a season-high crowd of 16,369 at Princeton Stadium, both teams were driven to invoke Winston Churchill's famous admonition on persistence, albeit for different reasons.

"Pretty unbelievable," said a jubilant Yale head coach Jack Siedlecki as he contemplated a day in which his 6-3 (4-2 Ivy) team came back from a 17-3 halftime deficit and had marched 92 yards in the final 1:03 of regulation to force overtime. "We always talk about the never, never, never quit and believing in each other. This game had it all."

A glum Princeton head coach Roger Hughes quoted the words of Churchill as he contemplated how to keep his team inspired as it heads into the last week of a season that has seen it lose to Columbia, Harvard, and now Yale on the last play of the game.

"As Churchill said in his famous graduation speech, never, never, never give up, that's what you have to have in this sport," maintained Hughes in a slightly hoarse voice after his team fell to 2-7 overall and 2-4 in Ivy League play. "It's an emotional and violent sport. You have to bring your A-game and you have to work very, very hard to get yourself prepared to do that."

The Tigers had their A-game going for much of the afternoon. Princeton started the contest by taking the kickoff and marching 73 yards in 10 plays, scoring on a 20-yard touchdown gallop by Jon Veach.

After the teams traded field goals in the second quarter, the Tigers struck paydirt again as Matt Verbit found B.J. Szymanski for a 29-yard touchdown pass that gave Princeton a 17-3 edge at the half.

The tide started to turn when Yale put together a clinical 17-play, 97-yard drive that culminated in an 8-yard scoring strike from Alvan Cowan to Ron Benigno. The drive lasted 7:37 and made it clear that the Bulldogs weren't going down without a fight.

Late in the fourth, Princeton appeared to have clinched the game when Verbit scampered for a first down on a fourth and one at the Yale 23. The run was called back due to a holding penalty and Yale eventually got the ball at its own eight, trailing 17-10 with 1:03 remaining.

Playing pitch and catch down the field, Yale made it to the Princeton 22 with :07 remaining and time left for only one play. The Bulldogs made that play count as Cowan lofted a fade to the end zone that was gathered in by Chandler Henley for the game-tying score.

VEACH BALL: Princeton running back Jon Veach breaks through a Yale tackle on his way to a 130-yard rushing performance last Saturday in the Tigers' 27-24 double overtime loss to the Bulldogs. Princeton, now 2-7 overall and 2-4 in Ivy League play, concludes its season when it travels to Dartmouth this Saturday. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Princeton started overtime with a bang as Verbit hit Veach for a 25-yard touchdown pass on the opening play of the extra session. Yale answered with a touchdown of its own as Cowan hit fullback Alex Flaherty for a 3-yard score.

The Bulldogs added a field goal and then Princeton took over looking to go for the jugular. Verbit hit Szymanski on a slant at the 10 and as the wideout struggled to gain extra yards, the Bulldogs forced a fumble which they pounced on to clinch the win.

There was no use hiding the pain of losing in such a manner to an archrival. "Obviously, we're hugely disappointed," said Hughes, whose club outgained Yale 442 yards to 364, getting a 130-yard rushing day from Veach and 265 yards in the air from Verbit.

"I thought we did the things we needed to do to win the game when you're playing a good team like Yale. They made the plays when the game was on the line and we didn't. I thought you can take 59 minutes of that game and our defense played outstandingly against the No. 2 team in the country in total offense."

Senior free safety Blake Perry sensed no let up in the Tiger defense as Yale was putting together its dramatic rally. "I don't think that they really switched anything, we just didn't make the plays when we needed to," said Perry, who was involved in a team-high 12 tackles on the day.

"What we try to do is to play every down like it's our last snap. We always feel we have momentum on our side. We always believe in each other."

Hughes believes his club will maintain that effort as it looks to end its season with a win when it travels to Dartmouth this Saturday. "This team has been outstanding in putting things behind them — good or bad — and coming out with a great work ethic and getting themselves prepared to go," said Hughes.

"So I expect us to play very well next week. We will continue to work hard. We have a game left and it's as important to us if we were 9-0 or 0-9."

In the midst of the grim post-game atmosphere, Veach sounded a note of optimism as he looked ahead to the finale and next season. "You look at our games and we're one play away," asserted Veach, a junior from Mt. Carmel, Pa. who has rushed for 600 yards and has scored nine touchdowns.

"You take one play the other way in Columbia, Harvard, and Yale and we have one loss in the league and we're battling for a title. I think we should have confidence. We know we can beat every other team, we're just a step away."

Taking that step, however, will require the Tigers to show a persistence that would make Churchill proud.

—Bill Alden

HEARTBREAK HOTEL: Princeton senior receiver Blake Morrison hits the field in despair as Yale celebrates its 27-25 double overtime win over the Tigers last Saturday. In his final appearance at Princeton Stadium, Morrison made five catches for 62 yards. Morrison and his classmates will look to end their careers on a positive note as Princeton (2-7, 2-4 Ivy) plays at Dartmouth this Saturday in the season finale. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

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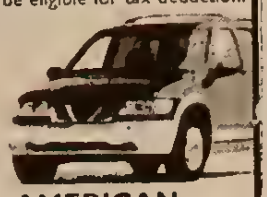

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Tiger Men's Hoops Looks to Regain Ivy Crown Through Mixing Wily Veterans With Freshmen

When John Thompson III looks at this year's Princeton University men's basketball team, his mind drifts back to his first year at the helm of the program.

In his debut season of 2000-01, Thompson molded a group composed of veterans and freshmen into a special unit that went on an improbable dream ride to Princeton's last outright Ivy League title and NCAA tournament appearance.

"This year's team, in many ways reminds me of my first team," said Thompson, who kicks off his fourth campaign as Tiger head coach this Friday night when Princeton hosts Colgate.

"There is a mix of younger guys and freshmen. The older guys were Nate [Walton] and C.J. [Chapman] and Ed [Persia], Konrad [Wysocki] and Andre [Logan] were the bright-eyed and bushy-tailed freshmen. The older guys are going to have to show the way."

One of the key older guys for the Tigers will be co-captain Persia, who will be Princeton's trigger man as it looks to rebound from a frustrating season that saw the club knocked from its accustomed perch in the top two of the league as it posted a 16-10 (10-4 Ivy) mark in placing third behind Penn and Brown, respectively.

"It's an incredible plus to have Eddie healthy, the last two years he struggled with injuries coming into the season," said Thompson of the 6'0 Texas native who averaged 8.2 points per game last year. "He's had an extremely productive preseason. He's tough as nails and he's setting a great example for the younger players."

Another senior setting a good example is Wysocki, an intense competitor who averaged 20 minutes a game after returning from a preseason leg injury. "Konrad is looking good," said Thompson, who brings a 48-34 mark into the season.

Thompson is looking for big things from his other co-captain, junior center Judson Wallace, who finished with a rush last season scoring 20 or more points in four of Princeton's last five games last year. "The focal point of our offense is the center, everything goes through him," explained Thompson, in discussing the 6'10, 230-pound Wallace, who is currently suffering from a back injury that shouldn't keep him out of the lineup.

"There is no reason Judson can't pick up where he left off. I think he's in the same frame of mind that he showed at the end of last year. He's worked on his body."

Wallace's classmate, Will Venable, is seen by Thompson as playing a crucial role for the Tigers this year. "He will be asked to do a lot for us on both ends of the court," said Thompson of the 6'3 guard who averaged nearly 11 points a game last year and finished second on the team with 34 steals.

"He will be guarding the other team's top scorer on most nights. Will is looking very good, he just seems settled compared to last year."

Other veterans who should give the team solid minutes include 6'10 junior center Mike Stephens and 5'9 sophomore guard Scott Greenman. A wild card among the team's experienced performers is junior forward Andre Logan, who has battled injuries throughout his Princeton career and is currently sidelined with damaged tendons in his hand after a recent on-campus incident.

While the Tigers' experienced performers will ensure that the club is a factor in the Ivy race, the team's title hopes could come down to how quickly their corps of freshmen adapt to college ball.

Princeton's roster will include a bevy of newcomers including 6'1 guard Maz Schafer, 6'4 guard Edwin Buffmire, 6'6 forward Luke Owings, 6'8 forward Patrick Ekeruo, 6'6 forward Luke Friedman, 6'10 center John Reynolds, 6'7 Michael Rudnoy, and 6'8 forward/center Harrison Schaen.

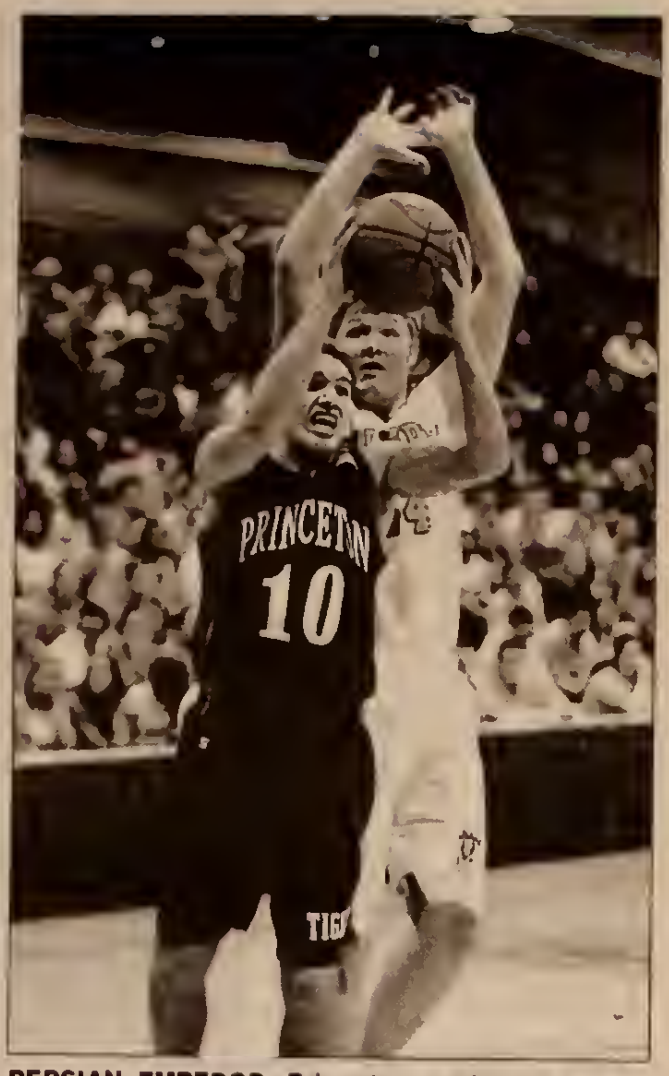
"We need them to step up," said Thompson, who sees Schaefer, Owings, and Schaen as the newcomers most likely to have an early impact. "They've adjusted and adapted well so far. They're smart kids."

The freshmen will get thrown into the fire as Princeton will play its usual rigorous pre-Ivy slate, facing such national powers as Duke, Oklahoma, and Minnesota in the early weeks of the season.

"It's good to be opening at Jadwin," said Thompson, whose club will host Holy Cross on November 28 in its second game of the season. "We're playing two teams that finished strong last year. What's important about the early games is getting ready for league play."

And make no mistake, Thompson is hoping to catch lightning in the bottle like he did in that debut season. "Everybody has been working hard, in the summer and the preseason," said Thompson, whose club was picked to finish second in the league in the preseason media poll. "At the end of the day, we want to be in a position to win the league. That is the plan."

—Bill Alden



PERSIAN EMPEROR: Princeton senior guard and co-captain Ed Persia drives to the basket in the Tigers' 68-51 win at Columbia last February. Persia, who averaged 8.2 points a game last year, is expected to be one of the key performers for Princeton, which tips off its season by hosting Colgate on November 21. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

Tiger Field Hockey Falls in NCAA But Has Learned Valuable Lessons

JUGGLING ACT: Princeton junior attacker Ashley Sennett, right, juggles the ball in the Tigers' 3-2 win over Harvard in late October. Princeton, which won the Ivy title for the 10th straight time, lost to Penn State 3-1 last Saturday in the opening round of the NCAA tournament to finish with a 12-6 mark. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

Trailing Penn State 1-0 late in the first half of last Saturday's NCAA opening round clash in Charlottesville, Va., the Princeton University field hockey team was looking to head into the halftime break planning for ways to even up the game.

Instead, with 34 seconds left in the half, the Tigers, thinking a Nittany Lion shot was from outside the circle, let in a fluky goal that put them in a 2-0 hole heading into the locker room.

The stunned Princeton squad came out and fought hard in the second half but couldn't overcome that early deficit as it fell 3-1 to Penn State to end its season.

The loss was the latest lesson in a season of adjustment for first-year head coach Kristen Holmes-Winn and the Tigers. "That was tough, it was a strange game," said Holmes-Winn referring to the loss to Penn State which left Princeton with a final record of 12-6. "We played down the middle, which was to their strength. We really wanted to play down the ends."

Holmes-Winn acknowledged that the players and her staff had to deal with a steep learning curve this season. "They were learning a lot of things for the first time," said Holmes-Winn, whose system included a zone defense and an organized press on offense.

"We did so much video work trying to show them new things. They had to understand the culture we were trying to create. I think one of the biggest things for me was learning the players and getting to know what makes them tick."

Holmes-Winn liked what she learned about her squad as it won a tenth Ivy League crown and stretched its winning streak in league contests to 31. "I couldn't be happier with a group of young ladies," said Holmes-Winn, whose club got superb leadership from seniors Cory Picketts and Claire Miller, the Ivy Player of the Year. "The kids here are remarkable. I think we really overachieved."

Understandably, Holmes-Winn can't wait for next season. "We've got eight juniors coming back and I'm expecting them to step up," said Holmes-Winn, whose group of juniors includes Alexis and Natalie Martirosian, Kelly Darling, Lizzie Black, Lauren Quinn, Shahrzad Joharifard, and Ashley Sennett.

"The players took the system in, that bodes well for next year. I'm already excited about next year, it was hard to see this season end."

—Bill Alden

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Princeton Women's Hoops Turning to Youth As It Looks to Rebound From Tough Season

You can hear the relief in Richard Barron's voice as he looks ahead to the upcoming season for his Princeton University women's basketball squad.

Enduring a frustrating campaign last winter which saw the Tigers go 9-19 and lose their last four to finish mired in a tie for sixth in the Ivy League with a 4-10 league mark, Barron is happy to be ushering in a youth movement which he believes will energize the program as he heads into his third year at the helm.

Princeton boasts a corps of highly touted freshmen featuring Casey Lockwood and Katy Digovich, both All-Staters from California, together with Kelli Hughes, Elyse Umeda, and Shelly Slemp as it tips off this season with a game at the University of Nebraska on November 23.

"I'm antsy to get started," said Barron, who has a 20-35 mark at Princeton and an overall record of 97-83 in his career as a head coach which includes a five-year stint at the University of the South.

"The freshmen give us a nice infusion of enthusiasm. They spent a lot of time working over the summer. There is lots of excitement around the team. The kids enjoy playing basketball and coming to practice. They're bringing a different energy level."

The two newcomers who figure to make the most impact in the near term are Lockwood and Digovich. "They will need to be on the floor," said Barron, referring to the 6'0 wing Lockwood and the 6'0 post performer Digovich, who both earned McDonald's All-America honorable mention recognition. "They're really good, they need to be involved."

Barron believes his other freshmen will become heavily involved at some point this season. "Shelly Slemp played high school in rural Virginia and has only scratched the surface of how good she can be," maintained Barron.

"Elyse is a 5'3 guard who is a high energy player, always going full speed. She needs to learn how to control a team. Kelli has a lot of skills, she could end up being the best of the class. She will need to adjust."

The club has some key veterans on hand to help in the adjustment - process, namely senior point guard and team captain Mary Cate Opila, leading returning scorer Becky Brown (14.9 points a game last year as a freshman), and fast-improving sophomore wing Lauren Nestor.

"Mary Cate had been a serviceable point guard for us and we have been getting great leadership from her," said Barron. "Becky is a scoring threat inside but she will have to handle the ball and get to the other players. Lauren has really improved her game. She's developed a real knack for shooting, both the 3's and shooting off the dribble."

Other veterans who should see action include senior post player Maureen McCracken, junior guard Karen Bolster, and sophomore guards Katy O'Brien and Ali Smith.

GETTING THE POINT: Princeton senior point guard Mary Cate Opila running the offense in action last season. Opila will be counted on to provide leadership for the Tigers, who kick off their season by playing at the University of Nebraska on November 23. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

As for the style of play he will employ, Barron said it will be up-tempo as in the past with some refinements. "I think we will be conservative on defense and aggressive on offense," explained Barron. "I'm not sure we will always be able to play pressure defense, in certain situations we will force the tempo. I don't want to micromanage the offense. I want to let them play and live in the moment."

With his mix of youthful talent and experience, Barron is hoping that the team will produce many good moments as the season unfolds. "We're not building on last year, we're starting fresh," said Barron. "I think we have a better mix of talent but it's like going and taking English and Math 101 classes, we need to learn the basics. I think they'll fly through that."

—Bill Alden

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How hard is it for an NFL team to make the playoffs with a rookie starting quarterback for at least half the games? To give you an idea of just how difficult it is, in 2003 Baltimore's Kyle Boller became the 22nd rookie to try since it was last accomplished. It hasn't happened since 1985, when Bernie Kosar quarterbacked the Cleveland Browns to the AFC Central title, even though the Browns finished only 8-8 and Kosar was just 4-6 as the starter. The then Los Angeles Rams made the playoffs in 1986 with rookie quaterback Jim Everett, but he started only five games.

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The title game of NFL Europe is called the World Bowl, and since its inception, 14 players have won both a World Bowl championship and a Super Bowl ring. But only one of those 14 also played for a college team that won a national championship. Offensive lineman Kip Vickers was a member of the 1989 and '91 national champion Miami Hurricanes, the '95 World Bowl champion Frankfort Galaxy, and the 2000 Super Bowl champion Baltimore Ravens.

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College coaches often go to great lengths to inspire their teams. But South Florida's Jim Leavitt might have gone a bit too far in a September 2003 game against Army. With South Florida already ahead 13-0 at halftime, Leavitt tried to fire up his squad by headbutting one of his players. Only problem was, the player was wearing his helmet at the time, leaving Leavitt with a large gash on his forehead for the second half. South Florida won the game anyway, 28-0.

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Tiger Men's Water Polo Takes 2nd at Easterns

The Princeton University men's water polo team fell 8-6 to Navy last Sunday at Annapolis, Md, in the title game of the Eastern Championships.

Senior Dan McKenna scored two goals in his final game for the Tigers, who finished with a 23-4 overall record in a season which saw them win the ECAC crown and the Southern Championship.

Tiger Women's Volleyball Remains In Ivy Contention

The Princeton University women's volleyball team cruised to a 3-0 win over Dartmouth last Saturday to remain alive in the Ivy League title chase.

The Tigers, now 18-6 overall and 11-2 in Ivy play, travel to Penn (19-6,12-1 Ivy) on November 19 looking for a win which would make them league co-champions with the Quakers.

ON A TIGHT LEASH: Princeton senior defender Jeff Hare, right, battles a Yale player in Princeton's 2-0 loss to the Bulldogs last Saturday in the season finale. Princeton finished the season with a 6-8-3 overall record and a 3-3-1 mark in the Ivy League. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

Princeton Women's Soccer Bounced in NCAA Opener

Unable to recover from surrendering two goals to Villanova in a 1:32 span of the first half last Friday, Princeton fell 2-1 to the Wildcats in the opening round of the NCAA women's soccer tournament.

Senior midfielder Theresa Sherry scored a goal late in the second half but it wasn't enough as Princeton finished 11-3-3 on the season.

The Tigers, who outshot Villanova 15-9, were making their fifth straight NCAA appearance.

Tiger Women's Hockey Posts Weekend Split

Gretchen Anderson scored a hat trick to lead the Princeton women's ice hockey team to a 4-2 win over No. 6 Providence last Sunday at Baker Rink.

The win gave the Tigers a split in weekend action as they had fallen 3-0 to New Hampshire on Saturday.

Princeton, now 4-2, plays at Dartmouth on November 21 and at Vermont on November 22.

Tiger Women's Swimming Streaks to School Record

The Princeton University women's swimming and diving team set a school record for consecutive wins when it topped Northeastern and Binghamton at the B.C. Natatorium in Chestnut Hill, Mass. last weekend to record its 43rd and 44th straight victories.

Princeton's streak, which started during the 1997-98 season, tops the previous mark of 43 wins in a row set by the men's tennis team in the late 1970s.

Distance Star Kroshus Leads Tigers to NCAA

Senior distance star Emily Kroshus finished second at the NCAA Regional last Saturday at Lock Haven, Pa. as the Princeton University women's cross country team qualified for the 2003 NCAA Cross Country Championship.

Kroshus covered the 6k course in a time of 20:06 and was closely followed by teammate Cack Ferrell, who took fifth in 20:12 as the Tigers finished second in the team standings.

While Princeton has sent individual runners to the championship race in the past, this will mark the program's first team appearance in the competition. The race will take place in Waterloo, Iowa on November 29.

Princeton Men's Hockey Breaks Into Win Column

Overcoming a 2-0 deficit, the Princeton men's hockey team stunned Harvard 4-2 last Friday to record its first win of the season.

The Tigers scored all their goals in the third period as Kevin Westgarth, Seamus Young, Sharam Fouladgar-Mercer, and Mike Patton all found the back of the net in the final 20 minutes.

Princeton was unable to build on that win the next night as it fell 5-1 at Brown.

In upcoming action, the Tigers, now 1-5, host Vermont on November 21 and Dartmouth on November 22.

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HEADS UP: PHS midfielder Carlos Espichan heads the ball away from a wall defender in the Little Tigers' 1-0 win over the Crimson Knights last Friday in the Central Jersey Group III sectional final. The Little Tigers put together a 12-game winning streak in the last month of the season which was snapped last Monday when they were edged 1-0 by Ocean City in the Group III state semifinals.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

PHS Boys' Soccer Takes CJ Sectional Title But Amazing Run Ends in State Semifinal

Peter Abram doesn't mince words as he recalls his early-season assessment of the Princeton High boys' soccer team.

"At the beginning of the year, I thought we were going to be awful," said the senior goalkeeper. "Our defense wasn't very experienced. Our offense was very disorganized, there was a lot more dribbling and a lot less passing."

Apparently validating Abram's analysis, the Little Tigers struggled to a 3-5-1 start and teetered on the verge of not even qualifying for the state tournament.

Then something amazing happened. "We got the formation straight," remembered the wavy-haired and fiery Abram. "Owen [Nichols] and Carlos [Espichan] started playing the through ball perfectly in the midfield. Our defense started working really well together. We developed a solid offensive block, a solid defensive block."

Clicking on all cylinders, PHS put together one of the greatest stretch runs in the program's history as it reeled off 12 straight wins.

Along the way, the Little Tigers topped Steinert 2-0 on November 1 to win the Mercer County Tournament and then last Friday they edged perennial playoff nemesis Wall 1-0 on a Nicholas Devine goal to take just the second Central Jersey Group III sectional title in team history.

While the team's amazing run ended last Monday when powerful Ocean City nipped PHS 1-0 in the State Group III semis at Toms River North, PHS head coach Wayne Sutcliffe won't soon forget what his team accomplished in its late-season run.

"Who knew?," said Sutcliffe as he reflected on his team's rocky start.

"We were just trying to win another game. I knew we were good enough but I never quite thought we would play as well as we did in this 12-game stretch. We just didn't win games, we played phenomenal soccer. It was just great, it was all about the players."

In Sutcliffe's view, the team's sizzling play started with the play of Abram and defensive stalwarts Phil Francois, Kevin Wagner, Graham MacDonald, and Scott Callahan.

"Defensively, I can't say enough about how Kevin, Phil, Graham, Pete, and Scott played," asserted Sutcliffe, whose club finished with a 15-6-1 final record. "They were just phenomenal today and that's how they've been the last month. That's why we've had such a great run."

Although Sutcliffe was disappointed by the loss to Ocean City (20-1-4), he thought his club rose to a higher level as it bowed out of the tourney. "It was a great game between two solid teams," said Sutcliffe as his charges disconsolately trudged to their bus for the long ride home.

"It was one of our best games of the year from a defensive standpoint. We just didn't do it at the other end. I thought we had two great chances with Owen [Nichols] and Nick [Devine] but we just didn't get one in. In championship games you just can't waste those chances. It was just a great soccer game."

Sutcliffe smiled as he contemplated how his veterans performed in their final games of high school soccer.

"The seniors, what can I say about those guys, they were phenomenal," said Sutcliffe, who will be losing such key performers as Abram, Francois, Callahan, and Devine to graduation. "They were just great. It was a great run."

Abram, for his part, saw that veteran know-how as a key to the team's run to the final four. "Everybody just knows what everybody else is going to do," explained Abram.

But earlier this fall, nobody could've known what the Little Tigers were ultimately going to do in their amazing stretch run.

—Bill Alden

ST. NICHOLAS: Princeton High senior star Nick Devine pumps his fists as he celebrates the Little Tigers' 1-0 win over Wall last Friday in the Central Jersey Group III sectional final. A second half goal by Devine provided the margin of victory for PHS, which fell to Ocean City last Monday in the Group III state semis to finish with a 15-6-1 record. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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PHS Football Tops Holmdel To Double Its Victory Total

As he looked ahead to this season, Princeton High football coach Steve Everette predicted his team would feature a strong defense.

Making Everette look like a prophet, the PHS defense got tougher and tighter as the season went on, emerging as one of the stronger units in the area.

By mid-October, the Little Tiger defenders were in top form as they held Ewing to 39 yards total offense on a 7-0 loss and then posted a shutout as PHS topped WW/P-S 20-0 for the team's first win of the season.

The PHS defense may have saved its best for last, however, as it forced eight turnovers last Saturday to lead the Little Tigers to a 16-12 win over visiting Holmdel in a NJSIAA consolation game.

The win left PHS with a final record of 2-8, thereby doubling its win total from last year and giving the program its first two-win season since 199S.

Last Saturday, the Little Tigers showed character as well as a tough defense as they outscored Holmdel 9-0 in the final quarter to overcome a 12-7 deficit.

Princeton's offense also made strides as the season went on, particularly in the passing game. Junior quarterback Vinny Giacalone had his most productive game of the season in the win over Holmdel as he hit on 6-for-14 passes for 1S4 yards and a touchdown. Speedy junior wideout Vance Slocum had a career day on the other end of Giacalone's aerial as he made three receptions for 113 yards and a touchdown.

With its new artificial field in place combined with a growing confidence, the program is hoping that it can keep doubling its fun.

—Bill Alden

PLUNGING AHEAD: Princeton High quarterback Vinny Giacalone wards off a Holmdel defender in PHS' 16-12 win last Saturday in a NJSIAA consolation game. The win gave Princeton a 2-8 final record, thereby doubling its win total from last season and giving the program its first two-win season since 1995.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

PHS Girls' Runners Show No Quit As They Take 7th in State Meet

The Princeton High girls' cross country team came into last Saturday's Group III state championship meet at Holmdel looking to book a place in the Meet of Champions for the second straight year.

While the Little Tigers fell short of that goal as they took seventh of 20 teams, they left with their heads held high.

Senior star Meaghan Lynch took 13th individually, covering the 3.1 mile course in 20:04 and emerging as the only PHS runner to individually qualify for the Meet of Champions.

Following Lynch was Eleanora Spinazzi, who took 27th in 20:37, Caroline Sholl, the 57th finisher in 21:16, Susanne Hansen, the 70th place runner in 21:30, and Sara Hastings, taking 99th in a Holmdel personal best of 22:18.

"I think they went out and ran with great spirit," said John Woodside, who coached the team last Saturday. "They were disappointed that they didn't qualify for the Meet of Champions but they were happy that they ran well."

Woodside noted that the team faced particularly tough competition in their group. "The teams in our race were so good, five of the top seven teams in the state were in our section," explained Woodside. "The girls had to do something very special to qualify. Each girl needed to take 20 seconds off her time. It's hard enough for one runner to do that, let alone everybody."

In Woodside's view, the team's leader, Lynch, showed a special perseverance. "Meaghan wanted to go out quick and she did that but maybe not fast enough," said Woodside. "She didn't have her best day but as she said afterwards she knew that she gave everything she had."

The team's collective desire to give its best and the accomplishments that resulted from that approach outweighed any disappointment lingering from Saturday's result. "They did something no girls team at Princeton High had ever done — winning the sectional," added Woodside as he assessed the team's season which saw it go 11-0 in dual meets.

"I'm very impressed by the team's maturity and focus. I couldn't be more impressed by a group of young people, it's an honor to be associated with them."

—Bill Alden

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Hun Football Fell Short of MAPL But Seniors Good to Their Word

The seniors on the Hun School football team may not have won the Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) crown that they coveted but they kept a promise they had made two falls ago.

"I remember a practice two years ago when the seniors were sophomores and we had lost some close games," recalled Hun head coach Dave Dudeck, whose club finished this fall with a 7-2 record. "I took the class to the side and we made a pact that if they worked hard, they would end up competing for a championship. They did that."

The seniors worked hard to the end as the Raiders rolled past Pequannock 31-9 in their season finale on November 7. "The Pequannock game was a game in which we took care of business," said Dudeck, whose club fell short of the MAPL crown due to losses to league rivals Lawrenceville and Blair.

"The seniors and PGs were excited to be playing under the lights. They were a little tight at first but once they relaxed, things went well. Emir Davis had a mammoth game [with 230 yard rushing], it was his best game rushing in his career. It was great to see him end things like that. Danny Hudacko's blocking cleared the way for him on our traps."

Dudeck admitted that the program will have a void to fill in the absence of his group of seniors. "We will feel the loss of our senior class," said the fifth-year head coach, whose senior class included such standouts as Davis, Craig McGovern, Jack Martin, Chris Giordano, Quartie Durell, Chris Kuchar, Bryan Severance, and Tom Monfiletto. "There will be a lot of holes to fill, there were so many of them who contributed."

While the seniors were the driving force behind Hun's superb season, Dudeck got contributions throughout the lineup. "It really was a team-type effort this year," said Dudeck. "Different guys stepped up in different games. Dom Natale had a tremendous year at quarterback. Junior Jabbie put up some big numbers. Danny Sica had some clutch games. Bryan Severance was consistent all season on the line."

With the Raiders having posted a 13-5 mark over the last two seasons combined, Dudeck is happy with the program's progress. "The first thing to look at is the 7-2 record," said Dudeck. "I know the seniors wanted to go 9-0 and win the MAPL but 7-2 is impressive. If we could change one thing this year, it would be the first half of the Lawrenceville game. We had a chance to put them away and we didn't. The program is going in the right direction."

Next season the Raiders will build things around their star quarterback Natale, who passed for 19 touchdowns and nearly 2000 yards. Dudeck cautioned that the team will need to bolster both lines and improve defensively in order to keep progressing.

The returners would do well to follow the example of Hun's Class of 2004. "Although you'd like to win a championship, this group improved as much as they could," said Dudeck, whose team ended the season with a four-game winning streak. "These kids made progress every year. They gave their all and that's all you can ask for as a coach."

While the seniors didn't win a title, they certainly kept their word with their coach.

—Bill Alden

JAB STEP: Hun School running back Junior Jabbie breaks away from a pack of Peddie defenders in the Raiders' 41-25 win over the Falcons in mid-October. Jabbie scored 18 touchdowns and rushed for more than 600 yards for Hun, which finished the fall with a 7-2 mark. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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MAKING A SPLASH: Members of Whitewaters Swimming celebrate after excelling in the club's Fall Festival meet held on November 8-9 at Princeton University's DeNunzio Pool. In the back row, from left, is Kate Guthrie, Megan Kalinkowski,.Jillian Franc, and Laura Noisten. In the front of them, from left, is Alexander Fagard, Hugh Le, Amie McMahon, Rocio Riestra, Stephanie Greenfield, Alex Werden, Daniel Druckman, Simone Christen, and Sophia Noisten.

Whitewaters Swimmers Excel In Fall Festival Meet

The members of Whitewaters Swimming earned a number of medals in the club's Fall Festival meet held on November 8-9 at Princeton University's DeNunzio Pool.

Princeton resident and PHS swimming star Nina Rossi had a big meet as she took second place in four events and third in another in the women's 15-and-over classification. Rossi, a PHS sophomore, took silver in the 200-yard individual medley in a time of 2:08.34, the 200 freestyle (1:53.45), the 200 breaststroke (2:26.48), and the 100 butterfly (57.88). She placed third in the 100 breast (2:06.36).

Simone Christen, another Princeton resident, medalled as she placed second in the girls' 10-and-under 100 fly with a time of 1:19.02.

Princeton Junction residents also made it to the medal stand. Hugh T. Le placed first in two races in the boys' 13-14 category. Le won the 200 individual medley in a time of 2:22.03 and the 100 backstroke (1:05.91). Le's brother, Daniel T. Le, took third in the men's 15-and-over individual medley with a time of 2:10.29.

Kate Guthrie won the women's 15-and-over 100 butterfly in a time of 1:01.02 while Alex Werden was second in three events in the boys' 10-and-under class as he took silver in the 200 free (2:45.27), the 100 free (1:18.06), and the 50 backstroke (41.05).

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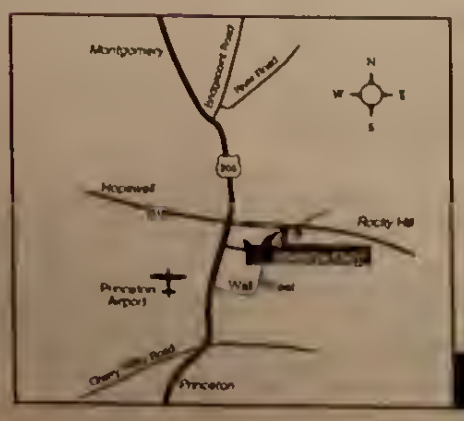

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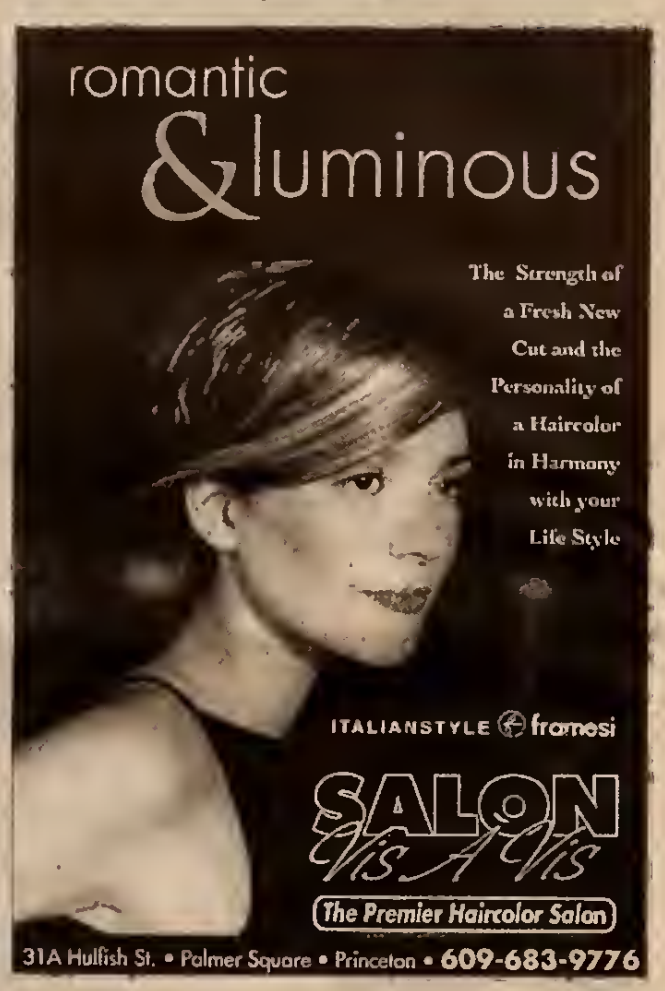

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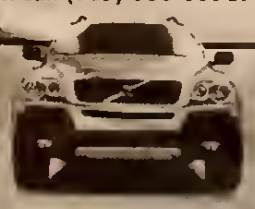

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Gary C. Lott

Gary Cornelius Lott, 68, of Rocky Hill, died November 10 at home. Before retiring in 2000, he taught for 39 years at Princeton Country Day and Princeton Day School.

Born in Amsterdam, N.Y., he spent his childhood in Canajoharie, N.Y.

He graduated from Middlebury College and then studied set design at Carnegie Tech before obtaining a master's degree in history at Columbia University.

He was chairman of the history department at Princeton Day School for many years, where he was also involved in many aspects of PDS life, from coaching to theater to mock trials. He received several awards in recognition of his teaching excellence. After retiring from PDS, he worked as a substitute teacher at both PDS and South Brunswick High School. He also worked in the PDS summer camps and continued to coach mock trials.

He was an artist, athlete, and gardener. He had two shows of his water colors and clay sculptures in the Princeton area. He spent many summers designing and building additions and renovations to his house, and landscaping his garden. He ran six marathons and was the winner for his age group in two of them.

He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Joyce Greenberg Lott; a son, Carl of Palm Harbor, Fla.; a daughter, Sara Lott of Princeton; three stepchildren, Elizabeth Greenberg of Silver Spring, Md., Suzanne Greenberg of Long Beach, Calif., and Larry Greenberg of Newtown, Pa; one grandchild and six step-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Princeton Day School on Sunday, November 23 at 4 p.m.

The family wishes to establish a permanent memorial in his honor as part of the new Arts Facility at Princeton Day School. Memorial contributions to the Gary Lott Memorial Fund may be made to the PDS Arts Center, P.O. Box 7S, The Great Road, Princeton 08542.

Jeffrey D. Tignor

Jeffrey David Tignor, 3S, only son of Robert and Marian Tignor of Princeton, dled November 11 at his home in Primos, Pa. The cause of death has not been determined.

Mr. Tignor grew up in Princeton, but because of his father's extended research trips spent time in Nairobi, Kenya, attended Cairo American College, Egypt, and spent a year at Chiswick Middle School near London, U.K.

He graduated from Princeton High School in 1987. He then attended Bard College before earning an associate's degree with honors from Delaware County Community College, majoring in General Studies. At the time of his death, he was enrolled at West Chester University in Pennsylvania.

He was active in several organizations. He earned a black belt in Akido, belonged to a games club and a science fiction book club, and completed a S00-hour course in Shiatsu massage therapy. An avid reader, he also played the piano and guitar.

He attended the Unitarian Universalist Congregation and an earth-based spiritual group. He was an active member of the "Just Friends" social group, dedicated to fellowship and mutual support.

He is survived by his parents and two sisters, Sandra Tignor Selby of Princeton and Laura Cobb of Yardley, Pa.

A remembrance celebration of David's life will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, November 23, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Princeton, Cherry Hill Road at Route 206.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to "Just Friends," c/o NAMI Mercer, NJ, Inc., 88 Lakedale Drive, Lawrenceville 08648.

Alice B. Shannon

Alice Bishop Shannon, 90, of Hightstown, died November 15 at the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton following a brief illness. She had lived in Princeton from 1953 to 1994 before moving to Meadow Lakes in Hightstown.

Born in Columbus, she was the daughter of the late John V. Bishop and the late Helen B. Garrison.

She attended the Fermata School, Aiken, S.C.

An amateur gardener, she also enjoyed travel, cultural events, and shopping in the Princeton area.

She was married to the late A. Ludlow Kramer, of Old Westbury, Long Island, who died in 1948. Their two children were Alissa K. Sutphin, of Princeton, and the late Audrey K. Spowart. She later remarried Arthur Vernon Shannon of Princeton in 196S, who predeceased her in 1992.

She is survived by her daughter, Ms. Sutphin; a brother, John Bishop, VI, of Gladwyne, Pa.; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, November 22, at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Church, 33 Stockton Street. Interment will be at Princeton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton, 61 Nassau Street, Princeton; or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Karl D. Uitti

Karl D. Uitti, 69, of Princeton, died November 11. He was the John Woodhull Professor of Modern Languages and a member of the Princeton University faculty for 44 years.

He joined the Princeton faculty in 19S9 after earning his bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. degrees from the University of California Berkeley. From 1972 to 1978 he served as chair of the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures.

A specialist in French medieval literature, Prof. Uitti was known for a broad range of Romance language scholarship and for using modern technologies to enhance the study of medieval languages. He taught French and Italian.

"He had a deep familiarity with the languages, literatures, and history of all the peoples that speak and write in the Romance languages," said Lionel Gossman, the M. Taylor Pyne Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures Emeritus at Princeton. "Though he was thoroughly trained in Romance philology, he was also an expert in late 19th- and early 20th-century literature, and had a lively interest in contemporary Latin American and Latino culture as well."

Prof. Uitti was the author of several books and monographs as well as dozens of articles and reviews. The main focus of his research was in medieval Romance studies, but his published work covered late 19th- and early 20th-century French literature, modern literature, history and theory of literary criticism and analysis, and theory and history of philology. For the past several years, he had been dedicated to developing computer-assisted research and pedagogy in his field by leading the "Charette Project," which involves the computerization of the medieval *Lancelot* manuscript tradition. The online resources created through this project are frequently used by researchers around the world.

Among his many professional activities, he was the general editor of the Edward C. Armstrong Monographs on Medieval Literature, and a member of the editorial boards of French Forum and Romance Philology. The French government conferred upon him the ranks of Chevalier and Officier of the Palmes Académiques in honor of his teaching and his work in promoting French culture. He was also a member of the Codrington Club of Oxford, England, and co-president of the Association des Amis de Remy de Gourmont.

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In addition to his teaching, Prof. Uitti directed to completion approximately 40 doctoral dissertations. Many of his former students have become faculty members at universities around the world.

He is survived by his wife, Michelle A. Freeman; a daughter, Marla Elizabeth McCabe; two sons, David and Jacob; a sister, Elizabeth Meltzer; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held on November 16 at the Lutheran Church of the Messiah.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Crawford House, P.O. Box 255, Skillman 08558.

Freda E. Bowers

Freda Elizabeth Bowers, 97, of TidePointe, S.C., died November 11 at Hilton Head Regional Medical Center. She had been a lifelong Princeton resident before moving to TidePointe in 1998.

She was a graduate of Smith College.

A music lover, she was a talented organist and pianist. She played the piano at TidePointe, and in Princeton on many occasions. She was also an avid gardener and nature lover.

Predeceased by her husband, George Bowers, she is survived by a son, Alfred G. of Southport, N.C.; a daughter, Bobbie Bard of Hilton Head Island, S.C. and Chicago, Ill.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, November 22 at 10.30 a.m. at Princeton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Providence Presbyterian Church, TidePointe Outreach Ministry, 171 Cordillo Parkway, Hilton Head Island, S.C. 29928.

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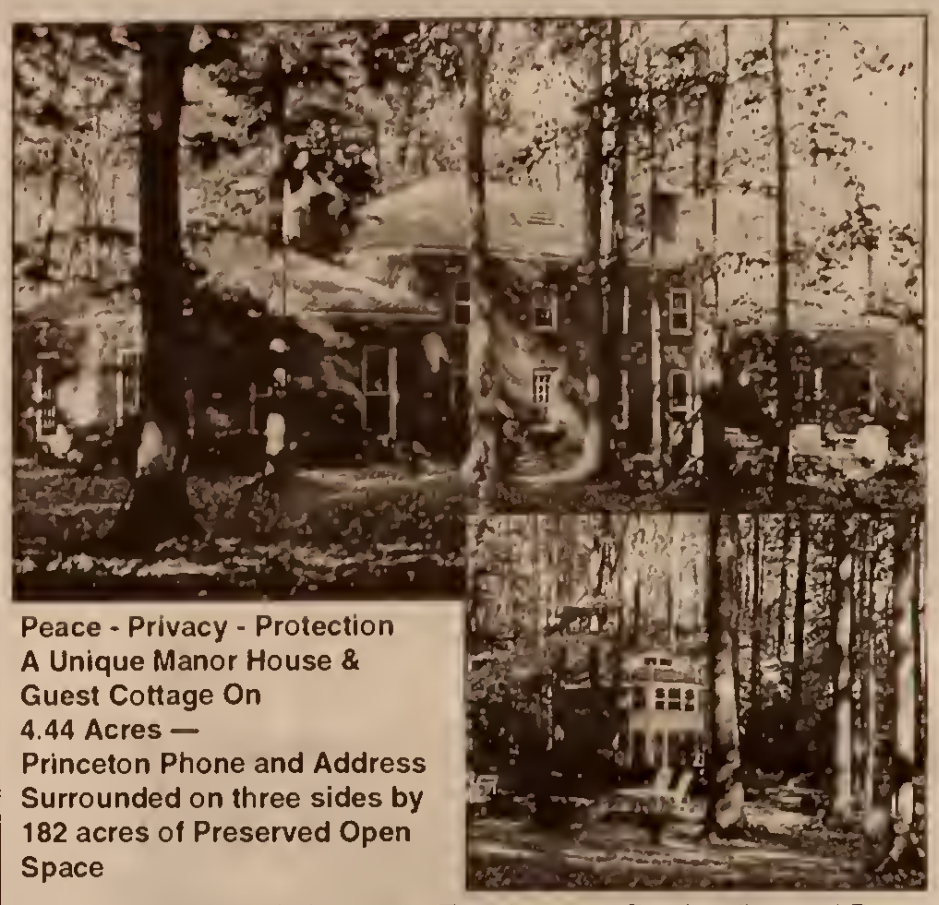

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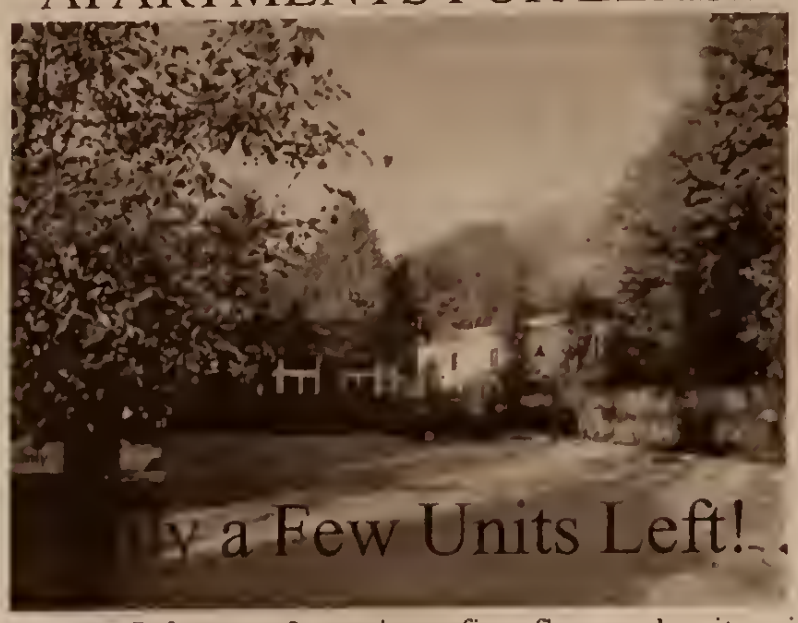

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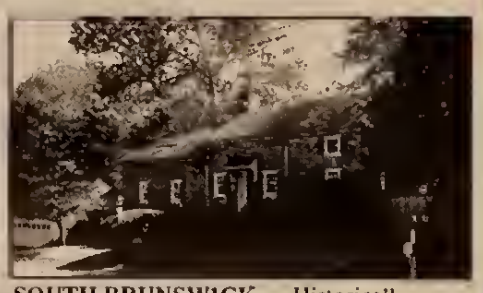

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In the ancient culture of Persia, Partha, and Greece, the wreath was known as a diadem, from the Greek word diadema or "thing bound around." A diadem worn on the head or hat was at that time a symbol of royal and spiritual significance. The fabric headbands were sometimes adorned with jewels.

As early as 776 B.C., wreaths made of laurel leaves were used to crown victors in the Olympic Games in Greece. Later when the games moved to different cities, each host city would award head garlands made of branches of local trees.

Later, it became the custom in Rome to crown military and athletic heroes with a diadem of laurels. In time, this laurel crown was embellished with gold and jewels and became the prototype corona, or crown.

Some believe that the Romans used decorative wreaths as a sign of victory and that the hanging of wreaths on doors originated from this practice. It is also possible that celebration spectators hung the leafy headbands on their walls as souvenirs.

Holiday Sight

For some, the wreath symbolizes the strength of life overcoming the forces of winter; for others, it is a colorful decorative addition to the holiday festivities. Over the centuries, it has become a welcome holiday sight, adding color and enjoyment to the season.

In addition to the festive and decorative aspect of the wreath, it has a spiritual significance within the Christian tradition during the Advent season, which includes the four Sundays preceding Christmas. It is a time of special preparation in anticipation of Christmas.

Over the years, the tradition of the Advent Wreath has evolved, possibly arising from the ancient custom of weaving greens in and out of the spokes of a wagon wheel. Others believe the Advent Wreath was inspired by the Swedish Crown of Lights, a candle-bearing crown worn by young Swedish girls on St. Lucia's Day. St. Lucia was a young Christian martyr, who gave her entire dowry to the poor.

Still others point to the origin of the Advent Wreath in the folk practices of the pre-Christian Germanic people, who during the cold December darkness of Eastern Europe, gathered wreaths of evergreen and lighted fires as signs of hope for a coming spring and renewed light. Christians kept these popular traditions alive, and by the 16th Century, Catholics and Protestants throughout Germany used these symbols to celebrate their Advent hope in Christ. From Germany, the use of the Advent wreath spread to other parts of the Christian world.

Traditionally, the wreath is made of four candles in a circle of evergreens with a fifth candle in the middle. Each Sunday, a candle at one of the "corners" is lighted. Three are purple, the liturgical color for the season of Advent, and one a pale rose, which is lighted on the third Sunday. A white candle, placed in the center of the wreath, is lighted on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, to represent the birth of Jesus.

The Advent Wreath is rich in symbolism, explains the Rev. Chase Hunt. "Its circular shape suggests God's eternal love and care, which knows no bounds — no beginning and no end. The evergreens represent the continuation of life which is ever fresh and new as it springs forth from a deepening faith and expectant hope. The candles, with their increasing light from week to week are symbolic of God's light that overcomes darkness and illumines all of life through the One who said, 'I am the light of the world.'

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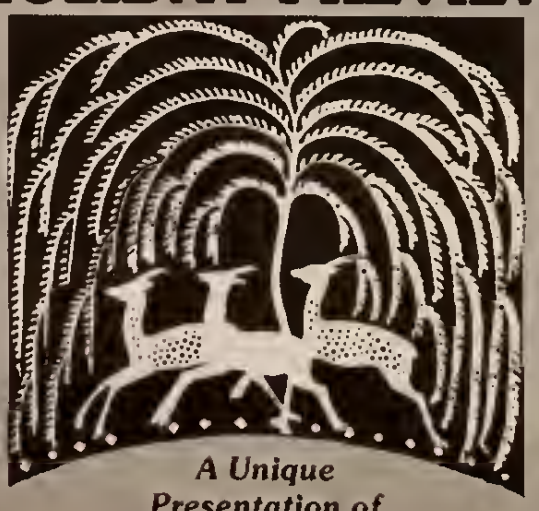
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Great Meaning

"In the churches I served, individuals or families would come forward during the service to light the candle for that particular week. As the weeks passed and the light increased, you could feel the sense of expectation and excitement grow. The Advent Wreaths had great meaning both for the young people and the adult members of our congregations."

Some families also hold ceremonies focusing on the Advent Wreath in their homes, points out Suzanne Hunt.

"On the four Sunday evenings before Christmas, after the lighting of the Advent candles during the morning service, our family would conduct our own Advent service. Our boys helped to make the wreath from greens in the garden, we went together to purchase the candles, and each one in the family had a part in the service. The quiet beautiful service around the family table helped to push aside the holiday commercialism and place the true meaning of Christmas in a central position."

Throughout history, wreaths have been made of various materials, evergreens, of course, being central, but also herbs, dried flowers, fruits and berries. Many aromatic herbs are appropriate for holiday wreaths and table centerpieces, and four have Biblical links with Christmas. English pennyroyal was said to have been placed in the manger on the night of the

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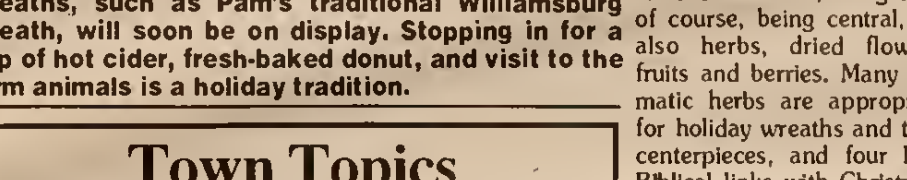

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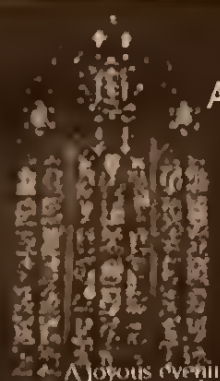

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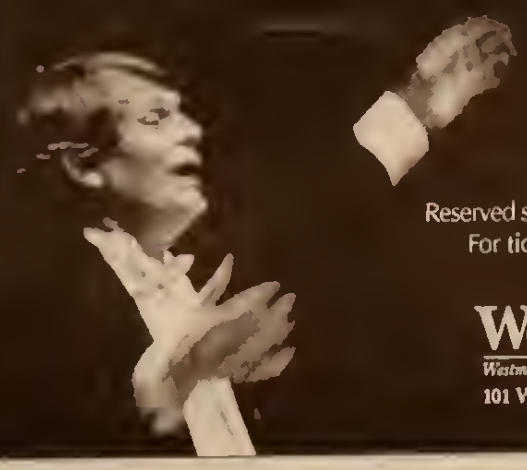

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Christ child's birth and burst into bloom the moment the child was born.

According to folklore, rosemary will bring happiness for the coming year to anyone who sniffs it on Christmas Eve. During the flight into Egypt, it is said that Mary spread her child's garments on a rosemary plant to dry. The flowers, originally white, turned blue and acquired the unique scent they have today.

Another legend claims that at midnight on January 5 — the "old Christmas Eve" — rosemary plants will simultaneously burst into flower in celebration of Christmas. Rosemary plants add fragrance to holiday wreaths, as does wild thyme. This pungent herb was thought to be collected from the fields outside of Bethlehem to make a soft bed for Mary during the birth of her child.

Wild Lavender

The Virgin Mary is also said to have dried her newborn's swaddling clothes by spreading them on a bed of wild lavender. The herb is often incorporated into wreaths and centerpieces.

Other legends and traditions have been passed down in a more secular vein. For example, a wreath made of holly and mistletoe might be intended to shelter a home from the spirits of cold and winter. A wreath of birch given by a woman to a man meant she accepted his advances as a suitor!

The tradition of the Christmas wreath was brought from Europe to America by the early settlers. An abundance of wreath staples, such as greens from pine, spruce, and cedar trees, was available, as well as boxwood, hemlock, mountain laurel, holly, mistletoe, and princess pine.

Other Christmas wreaths used corn husks, dried grasses, the orange and scarlet pods of bittersweet, moss, dried fruits, and the red berries of black alder for decorating the Christmas wreath. A purely American Christmas wreath custom began in the Williamsburg, Virginia settlement where Christmas wreaths and Christmas garlands of evergreen were decorated with fruits and vegetables.

In the 1800s, wagons filled with aromatic wreath greens announced the beginning of the Christmas season. The traditional wreath on the front door became a gesture of friendship and a welcoming. Most often, a Christmas wreath of fresh evergreens topped by a large red bow greeted visitors. Inside, Christmas wreaths often decorated rooms and hallways.

The 1900s saw the introduction of plastic artificial Christmas wreath foliage and greens. Plastic holly, evergreen, and berries were the most realistic of these early reproductions for Christmas wreaths. With the advent of silk flowers and greenery, the quality of the realistic-looking replicas of Christmas wreath decor was greatly enhanced.

Technical advances in the manufacturing process of the artificial Christmas wreaths have created an endless supply of colors and varieties of wreath decor.

Natural Ingredients

Today, wreaths often reflect the personality and spirit of those who make or display them. In addition to greens, natural materials, such as dried herbs and flowers are often incorporated into the finished product. Anyone, of course, can go to the nearest nursery and buy a plain, decorated, custom-made, or artificial wreath. The more creative, ambitious, and determined among us opt to do it themselves.

The do-it-yourselfers not

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WINTER WREATH: Among the huge variety of wreaths on display at Kale's Nursery & Landscape Service is this special interior wreath, featuring lady apples, holly, cardinals, pine cones, pods and nuts, and an English thatch nesting house, and a super size red bow. In addition, sprays and centerpieces are popular at Kale's, and grave blankets and wreaths are also available. A full supply of fresh-cut and live trees, fresh wreaths, garlands and roping, is offered, as well.

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only have a sense of accomplishment after completing their project, but have created something especially meaningful, particularly if it is to be a gift.

One amateur, but experienced wreath-maker of five years, describes her reasons for expending the time, energy, and effort in what is not an easy undertaking.

"I saw a TV program on wreath making, and I thought, 'I bet I can do that!' My first wreath was not as good as they are now. It takes practice.

"I like to be creative and to see if I can, in fact, do it. I get a real sense of achievement and pleasure from it. Making something rather than buying is much more fun, and I think, appreciated."

It is a time-consuming project, she adds. "I have to decide what greenery to use, gather it, select the right size pieces, make proper bunches, connect them to the frame, and then wire the whole wreath together. I use boxwood from our yard, and you have to look at each piece

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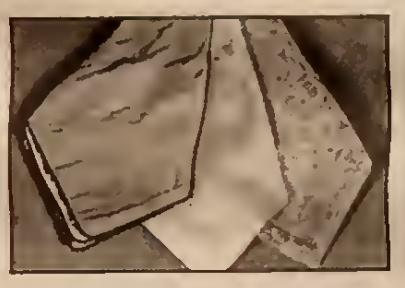

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very carefully. Sometimes, I select everything, do the wiring and then do the decorating the next day. Decorations include bows, ribbons, pine cones, berries, etc. Actually making the wreath takes about three hours."

Making sure all the necessary materials are at hand is very important, she points out. "You need a wreath form — there are wire and plastic, and I've decided on plastic, which is easier to work with and doesn't slip as much as wire. Also, I switched to a smaller wreath form and a somewhat different design, which seems easier to work with.

"You also need floral wire, wire cutters, gardening shears, and a paper bag full of greenery. It makes a mess because the greens are dirty and you have to cut them to the right size you need.

Final Adjustments

"What is especially challenging is making the bunches and connecting them to the form so they don't slip around. Also, the closer together they are, the better. It gets really tough toward the end because you have no room to connect the greens after going all the way around. You have to squeeze it in and you always cut your fingers! Or you could damage one of your bunches.

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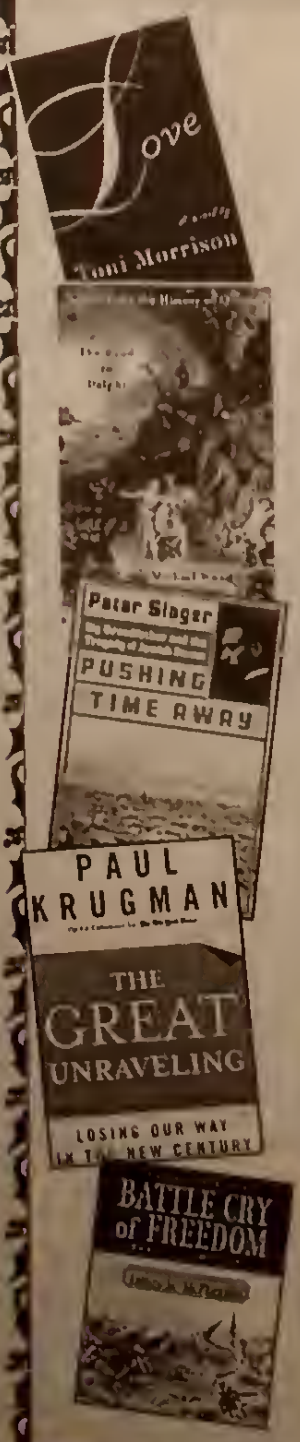

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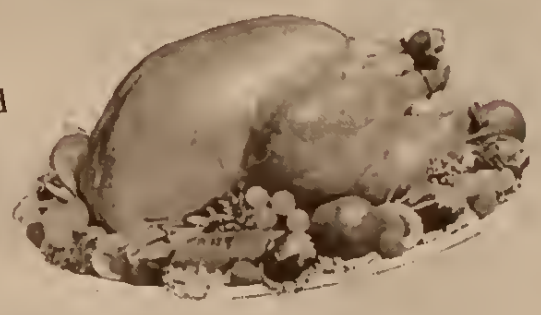

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final adjustments, especially when you add bows," she adds. "That is difficult, too, because if the wreath is made correctly (very tightly), you have no space to tie anything on!

"But when it is finished, I am always really pleased. I guess it has become a tradition for me now. I enjoy doing it, and it does make a special gift."

That opinion is echoed by another amateur and enthusiastic wreath-maker (who is also a professional singer), and who specializes in indoor decorative wreaths, particularly appropriate as centerpieces. Gathering the materials was a full-time job, she reports, when she first began making wreaths years ago. This do-it-yourselfer is definitely not faint-of-heart!

"When I was touring with the Robert Shaw Chorale, the driver of the truck which carried the portable organ and some of the larger instruments kept a large carton for my pine cone collection. Along the way, as we toured from New York state down the coast through the deep South, I gathered cones the size of small pineapples! Also, long delicate cones of white pine, sturdy long cones of Norway spruce, small cones of blue spruce, and tiny cones of hemlock.

"I also found sweet gum balls, the red-brown 'ping-pong balls' that had to be opened with tiny beer can openers! There were other seed pods too, including milkweed pods and some that looked like birds' mouths opened and ready to eat. Horse chestnuts or buckeyes and acorns were also welcome additions to my collection of nature's castoffs.

Dry and Shiny

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onto the wreath later. Take the caps off the acorns and glue them back on with white carpenter's glue. Once dried, you will be able to glue them to the wreaths.

Now comes the creativity and imagination to give each wreath its unique look.

"Before you glue anything to the wreath, lay out your design, mixing colors and textures," she explains. "Group the little cones together in little bunches, use the milkweed pods as 'leaves' under the pine cone flowers, etc. Once you have decided on your arrangement, slather enough 'Bulldog' linoleum paste to the bottom of a pine cone flower to secure it to its place. To attach smaller cones, you may want to use carpenter's glue.

"Let them dry well for a few days before the final spraying with varnish to make everything absolutely glorious! By spraying with more varnish on the finished wreath, you will bring out the richness of the colors again. Then you are ready for the gift-giving!"

A Princeton friend, who makes sure to have a wreath at every point of entry at her house, came up with an ingenious spur-of-the-moment solution to a Christmas Eve dilemma a few years ago.

"People were coming to dinner, and because of one thing and another, I suddenly realized I had no holiday centerpiece for the dining room table. I was getting frantic, and then I remembered that I had gotten a wreath for my mother's grave, shaped like a cross. I decided then and there that would fill the bill! I looked up and said 'Mom, you won't mind. I really need this!'

"I decorated it with balls, candles, and flowers, and everyone said what a wonderful centerpiece!

"Then later, I transferred it to the cemetery, and I know my mother would have been happy that her wreath was at our dinner, and I felt she was there too. Now, it has really become a tradition, and we feel we have a very special centerpiece."

She also enjoys the cheerful look of a wreath on her front, back and side doors, and for these, she usually buys a plain, undecorated 14-inch mixed green wreath, and then embellishes it.

"I add a red or gold bow, pine cones, holly berries, acorns — whatever I can find in my yard. I love Christmas, and I love the idea of a festive look on each door."

Wreath stories seem to know no bounds. For example: the true story of "the Christmas Wreath That Never Died."

A former Princeton resi-

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FROM THE ORIENT: This beautiful porcelain fish bowl in traditional Chinese rose medallion design is suitable for use as a planter or table base. Chaur (left) and Liang Chen, owners of Oriental Teak, are proud of their impressive selection of more than 400 fish bowls in all sizes and designs, as well as the variety of intriguing gift items — from statues and figurines to linens, silk boxes and fans to vases and jars to furniture, mirrors and lamps, all from China, and in a wide price range. Oriental items are very popular, say the Chens. "They add accent to any decor, and our many gift items are very suitable for holiday giving."

Recommended Cookbooks for Holiday Giving

Barnes & Noble's Picks

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by Rachel Ray
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by Emeril Lagasse
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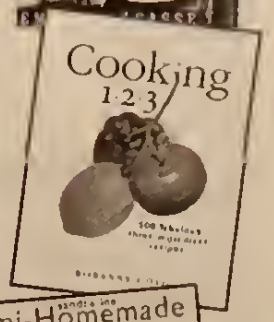

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dent, now ensconced in Arizona, recounts the amazing tale:

"We had a brick fireplace in the kitchen/family room, and each Christmas, we would have our nursery man make up a huge pine wreath to hang over the fireplace on the brick wall. We trimmed it with pine cones, red bows, holly, all the traditional wreath trimmings.

As the children grew, I decided to make it more 'fun', and I bought little wooden toys (which were intended as tree decorations), snowmen, Santas, sleighs, dolls, animals, sleds, etc. We kept the big red bow! An aside: as the 'toy collection' grew, we then decorated our door wreaths with the ornaments, too.

"One year, we realized that the wreath wasn't shedding any needles," she continues, "We figured out that the cold brick against the pine had some kind of magic reaction! The wreath would not shed or die or turn brown! As a joke, we left the wreath up way past Christmas, and the children and I decorated for Valentine's Day (hearts, cupids, red roses); then for St. Pat's (shamrocks, leprechauns, green bow).

"Along came Easter (small stuffed bunnies, chicks, plastic eggs, purple ribbon); Flag Day (small American flags, with a red, white and blue bow!) The last hurrah for the wreath was July 4. We added more flags, cut-outs of barbecue sauce bottles, hamburgers, hot dogs, hot dogs buns — which I found at a crafts store.

"We continued this tradition every year until we moved, and people were amazed at how the wreath lasted all this time.

Trendsetters

"By the way, in recent years, we have seen 'theme' wreaths on front doors — Halloween, Easter, etc. These are artificial wreaths, trimmed the way we used to trim ours. We have decided we were definitely trendsetters!"

Nostalgia can play a part, too, she adds. "We still have the 'macaroni' wreath which our daughter made in nursery school. It's a piece of cardboard cut out in the shape of a wreath, and macaroni is glued all over it. There is a small red bow at the bottom, and it is now a collector's item!"

No such longevity has characterized the recent Arizona wreaths, but she does remark on a bay leaf wreath centerpiece (trimmed and lighted) for a holiday luncheon. "The table setting was on a forest green tablecloth, topped with an organdy-like cloth. The wreath, which was also decorated with small white bows, encircled a silver candlestick with a white candle, and it was a very pretty look."

A veritable treasure-trove of wreath happenings, she recounts one more, which originated on a visit to Florida. "We were there around the holidays, and one of the hotels had trimmed their pool toy inner tubes with holiday greens and bows, and they festooned the pool area. That, coupled with the Palm Beach holiday parade where Santa arrives on a sleigh pulled by eight pink flamingos, is one of my most memorable wreath recollections!"

Another Princeton friend tells of the time she received a rosemary wreath from a relative in California. "My aunt had made it from her rosemary bush. It not only was attractive — I hung it in the kitchen — but it was useful. I cut pieces off all year for cooking! Even when it was dried, it was still usable."

Her neighbors add to the lively seasonal display by trimming their mailbox with a holiday wreath. "Every year, they slip the mailbox through the decorated wreath, and we all look forward to seeing it."

Then, there was the "Bon Bon" wreath which decorated the front door of a New York City apartment. The mixed green wreath was cleverly adorned with a myriad of bon

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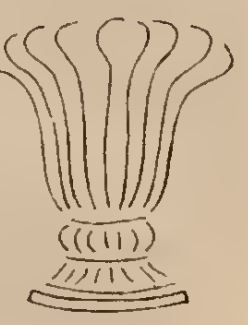

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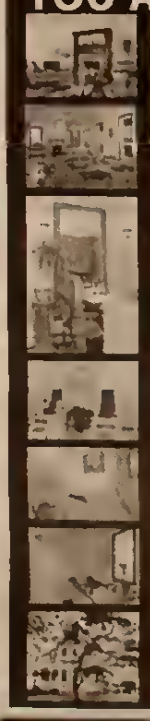

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Roasted Eggplant Dip

1 medium local organic eggplant
2 organic red bell peppers
1 large organic red onion
2 cloves organic garlic
3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
1½ teaspoons salt
½ teaspoon black pepper
1 tablespoon tomato paste

Preheat oven to 400°F.
Cut eggplant, peppers, and onion into cubes.
in a large bowl, toss vegetables with olive oil, garlic cloves, salt, and pepper to coat. Spread on a flat baking pan and roast until lightly browned and soft, about 45 minutes. Toss roasting vegetables occasionally to avoid sticking and burning.

Cool roasted vegetables slightly and puise in a food processor with tomato paste until texture is fairly smooth, Adjust salt and pepper to taste.

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bons wrapped in silver foil of different colors. A big gold bow completed the look.

Not only was this pleasing to the eye, it was pleasing to the palate reports the creative bon bon wreath designer. "Guests knew they could help themselves, and the elevator man especially loved it. He knew he was welcome to have one, and by the time the holidays were over, we were practically bon bon-less!"

A variation on the theme was a wreath made of Hershey Kisses. A small pair of scissors hanging from a brightly colored red and green ribbon enabled visitors to have a snack before he/she entered the house. There are also peppermint candy wreaths, and wreaths trimmed with candy canes. There is apparently no end in sight to wreath-making possibilities.

Indeed. In whatever form or format, wreaths are a meaningful part of this special season, and what is nice is that they can be as simple or elaborate as you wish. Formal or informal, large or small, humorous or spiritual, inside or outside, they express your own holiday feelings. Perhaps sea shells, toy soldiers, small bells, or tiny ornaments are your design specialities — let them reflect your own holiday spirit. Whether of fragrant balsam, white pine, spruce, mountain laurel, or Douglas fir, the wreath will be a welcome addition to your door or window, and a sure sign that the magic of the season has arrived.

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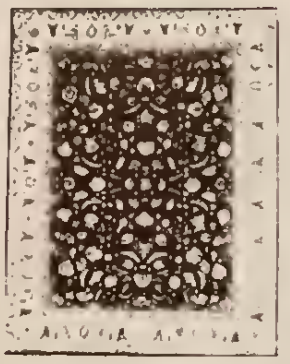

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